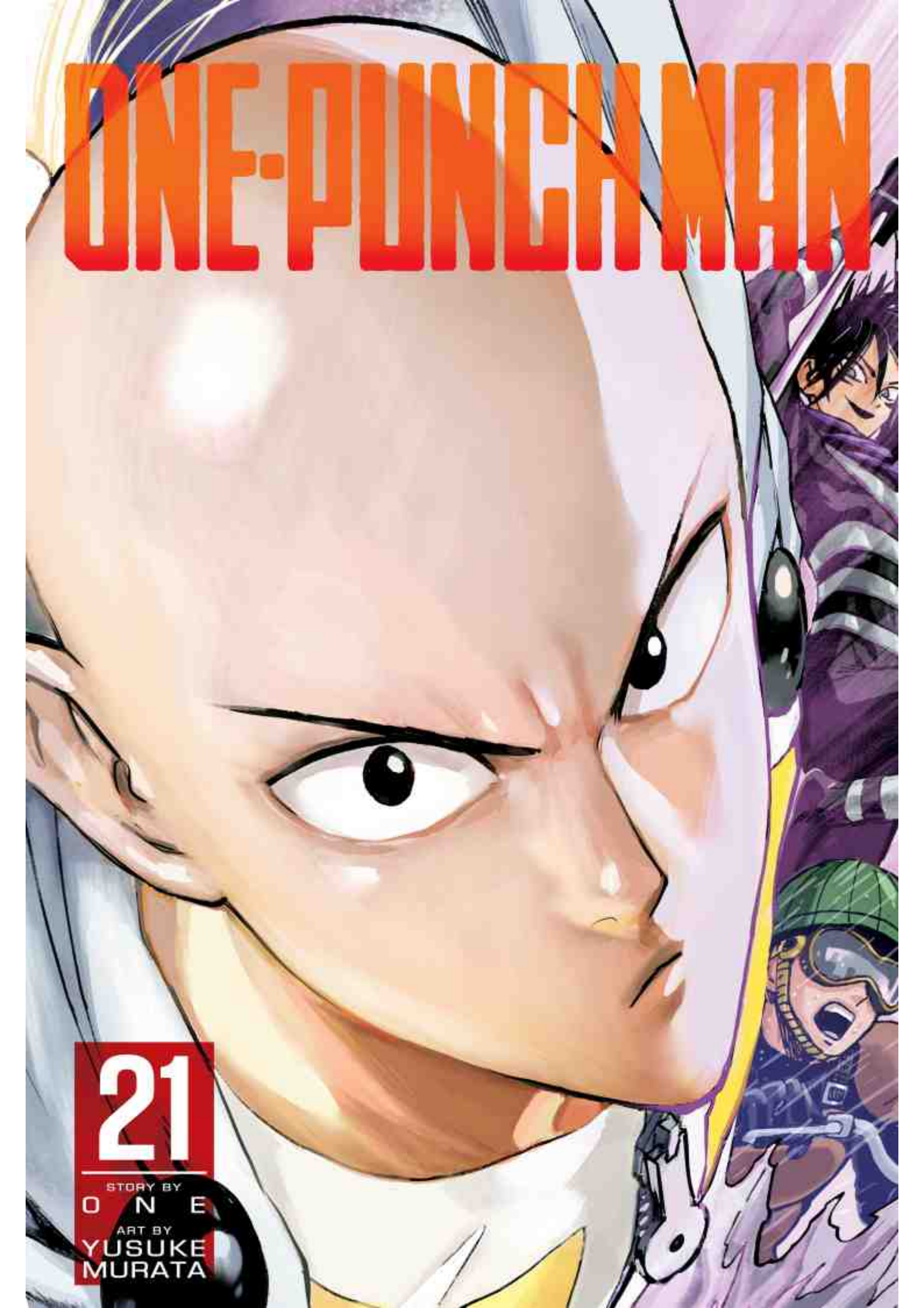


ONE-PUNCH MAN

The cover features a large, close-up illustration of Saitama's face, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. His bald head and intense eyes are the central focus. In the background, to the right, are two other characters: Genos, wearing his purple and black armor, and another character in a green helmet and goggles, both looking towards the main character.

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STORY BY

O N E

ART BY

YUSUKE
MURATA



O N E

They built a big coffee shop about a five-minute walk away. I'm so happy. There's plenty of space on rainy days, which makes it even better!

—ONE

Manga creator ONE began *One-Punch Man* as a webcomic, which quickly went viral, garnering over 10 million hits. In addition to *One-Punch Man*, ONE writes and draws the series *Mob Psycho 100* and *Makai no Ossan*.



Y U S U K E
M U R A T A

I'm raising tomatoes. I've made all sorts of discoveries, so it's interesting.

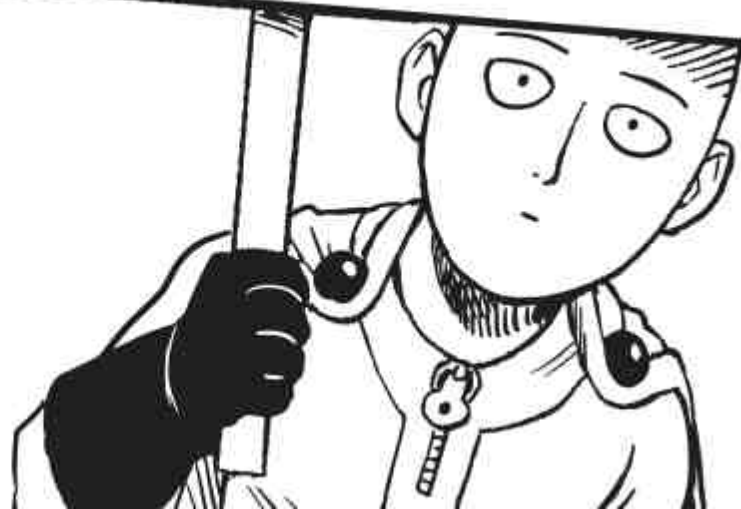
—Yusuke Murata

A highly decorated and skilled artist best known for his work on *Eyeshield 21*, Yusuke Murata won the 122nd Hop Step Award (1995) for *Partner* and placed second in the 51st Akatsuka Award (1998) for *Samui Hanashi*.

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ONE + YUSUKE MURATA

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ONE-PIECE THUNDER



STORY BY
ONE
ART BY
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MURATA

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IN AN
INSTANT



**FLASHY
FLASH**

**SUPERALLOY
BLACKLUSTER**

**PURI-PURI
PRISONER**

WAGANMA

**CHILD
EMPEROR**

FEATHER

**CAPTAIN
MIZUKI**

SAITAMA

NEEDLESTAR

GEARSPER

**ATOMIC
SAMURAI**

A single man arose to face the evil threatening humankind!
His name was Saitama. He became a hero for fun!

With one punch, he has resolved every crisis so far, but no
one believes he could be so extraordinarily strong.

Together with his pupil, Genos (Class S), Saitama has been
active as a hero and risen from Class C to Class B.

One day, a man named Garo shows up. He admires monsters,
so he begins hero hunting. And around the same time,
monsters calling themselves the Monster Association rise up
and wreak havoc everywhere.

Now the Monster Association has taken a young boy named
Wagonman hostage and issued a challenge to the Hero
Association. The Class-S heroes enter into a massive battle
against the Monster Association, with 15 other heroes
backing them up. Early in the fighting, the heroes appear to be
dominant, but now?

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HEY,
GYORO-
GYORO?

**PUNCH 97:
THE DECISION IS?**

THAT
WAS
WHEN
WE
FIRST
MET...

...BUT
NOW...

WHAT'S
MY
CURRENT
THREAT
LEVEL?

AM I
STILL
TIGER?

I'M HAPPY
TO HAVE
FOUND
SEVERAL
AMONG MY
FORCES.

OCCA-
SIONALLY,
MONSTERS
SUDDENLY
EVOLVE.

AND I
WANT TO
SEE YOU
FIGHT.

...YOU
ARE
DEMON.

PUNCH 97: THE DECISION IS?

WHATSA
MATTER
?!

IS THIS
ALL A
HERO'S
GOT?!

GIMME
THE
STRON-
GEST
ONE OF
YA!!!

Threat Level: Demon
RHINO-WRESTLER

KABAC



MY
EVOLUTION
WILL
CONTINUE
!!!



THAT IS
ENOUGH,
IAI.

I WILL
TAKE IT
FROM
HERE.

I EVEN
GET
STRONGER
DURING
BATTLE
!!!!





HE'LL
DESTROY
THEM
BOTH.

BLADES
WON'T
WORK ON
RHINO-
WRESTLER.

ATOMIC
SAMURAI!



HAVEN'T
YOU BEEN
WATCHING
ME
FIGHT?!

STRIKE
ME
DOWN
?!

DON'T BE
STUPID!

OH
WELL.
AT
LEAST
YOU'VE
GOT
GLUTS.



AND
I'LL
SCORE
IT!!!

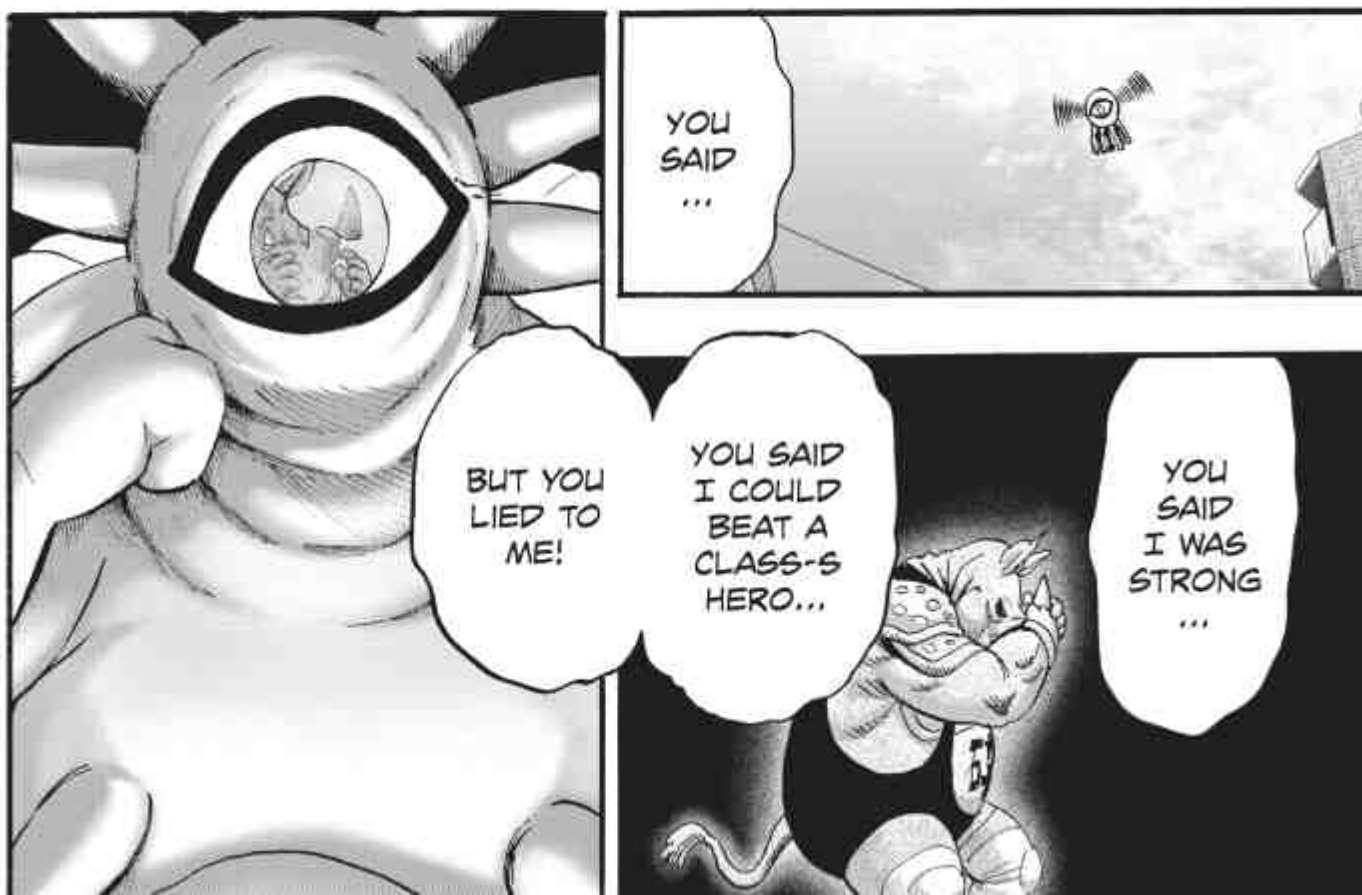
HIT ME
WITH
YOUR
BEST
SHOT
!!!



SHINK







ONE
HUN-
DRED-

THANK
YOU.























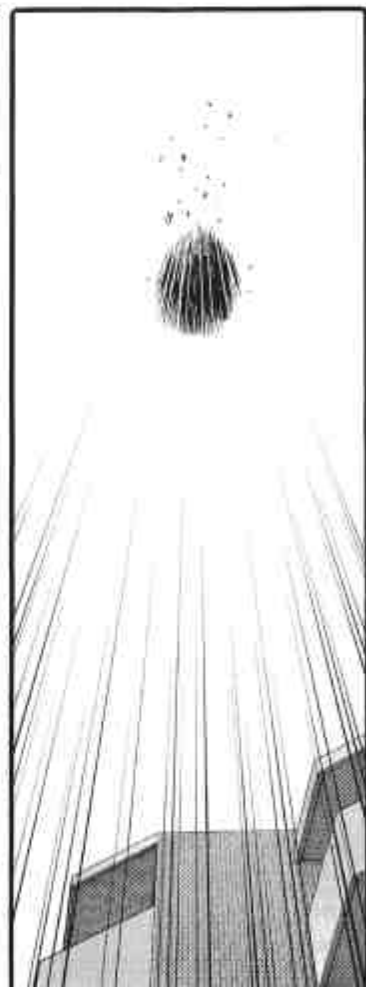






















TCH...

DON'T
SUMMON
ME WHEN
I'M GETTIN'
PUMPED
FOR A
FIGHT!



WHAT
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
NOW?

SO?



PUNCH 98:
FAST GUY









THE
ATTACK
TEAM IS
IN PLACE,
SO BEGIN
ADVANCING!



YOU
HAVE NO
BACKUP!

WHATEVER
HAPPENS,
SEE TO
YOUR
OWN-

REMEMBER!
RESCUING
THE
HOSTAGE
IS TOP
PRIORITY!



COULD
I GET
SOME
HELP
HERE?!

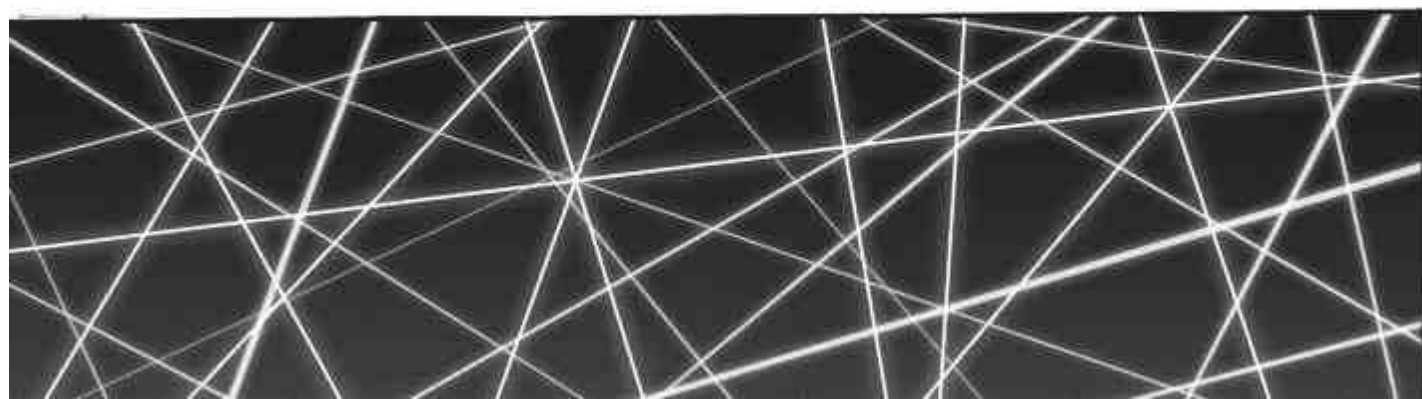
EXCUSE
ME!



PIG
GOD...

...IS
STUCK!

U
M
M
F
F
!!!











WE THOUGHT
WE COULD
OVERWHELM
THEM WITH
NUMBERS,
BUT THAT
WAS WRONG!
THIS IS TOO
DANGEROUS!!!

THEY
ALREADY
KILLED
ALMOST
HALF OF
US!

BUT WE
AIN'T EVEN
SCRATCHED
'EM! THIS
IS GONNA
BE BAD!



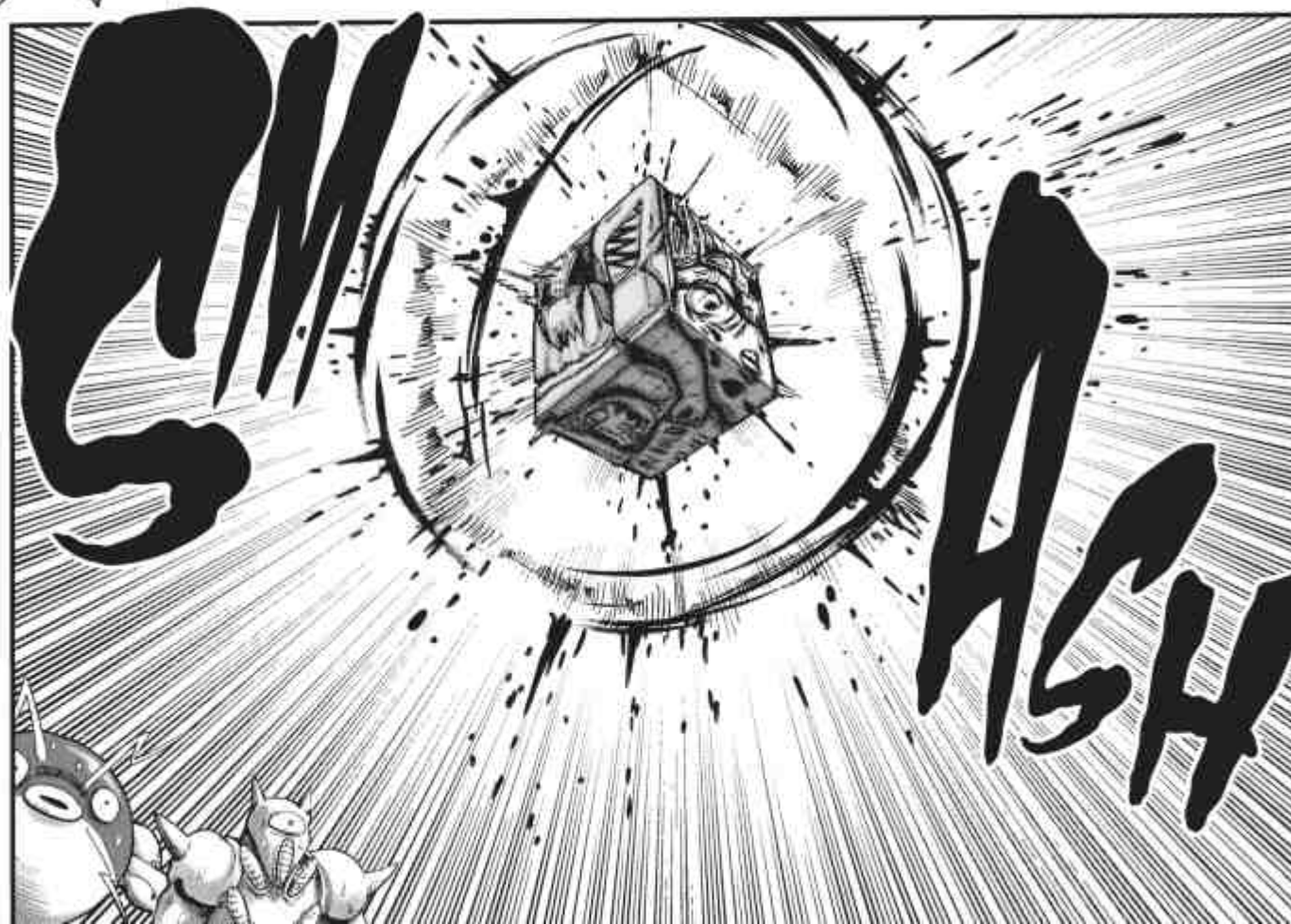
...SO
YOU
MAY
DIE.

THEN I
HAVE NO
MORE USE
FOR YOU...



YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO
DIE?

NO WAY!
I JOINED
THE MONSTER
ASSOCIATION
TO GO ON
KILLIN'
SPREES!





...THEN
I WILL
FEED
YOU TO
LORD
OROCHI.

IF YOU
CANNOT
EVEN
LOSE...



GET
GOING,
MY
HORDES!

WHAT'RE
YOU
LOOKING
AT?



TARGET
THE
CLASS-S
HEROES
AS I
INSTRUCTED
AND GO!

WE STILL
HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE,
AND YOU
MUSTN'T
FEAR MERE
HUMANS.



MUST THE
LEADERS AND
DEMON-LEVEL
MONSTERS DO
EVERYTHING?

UNLESS
YOU
WANNA
BE A
MEAT
CUBE...

...RISK YOUR
LIVES TO GET
INFORMATION
ON THE ENEMY!





IT
INCLUDES
A MAP I
DREW UP.

MAKE SURE
YOU LOOK
OVER THE
TRANSMITTER
MANUAL.

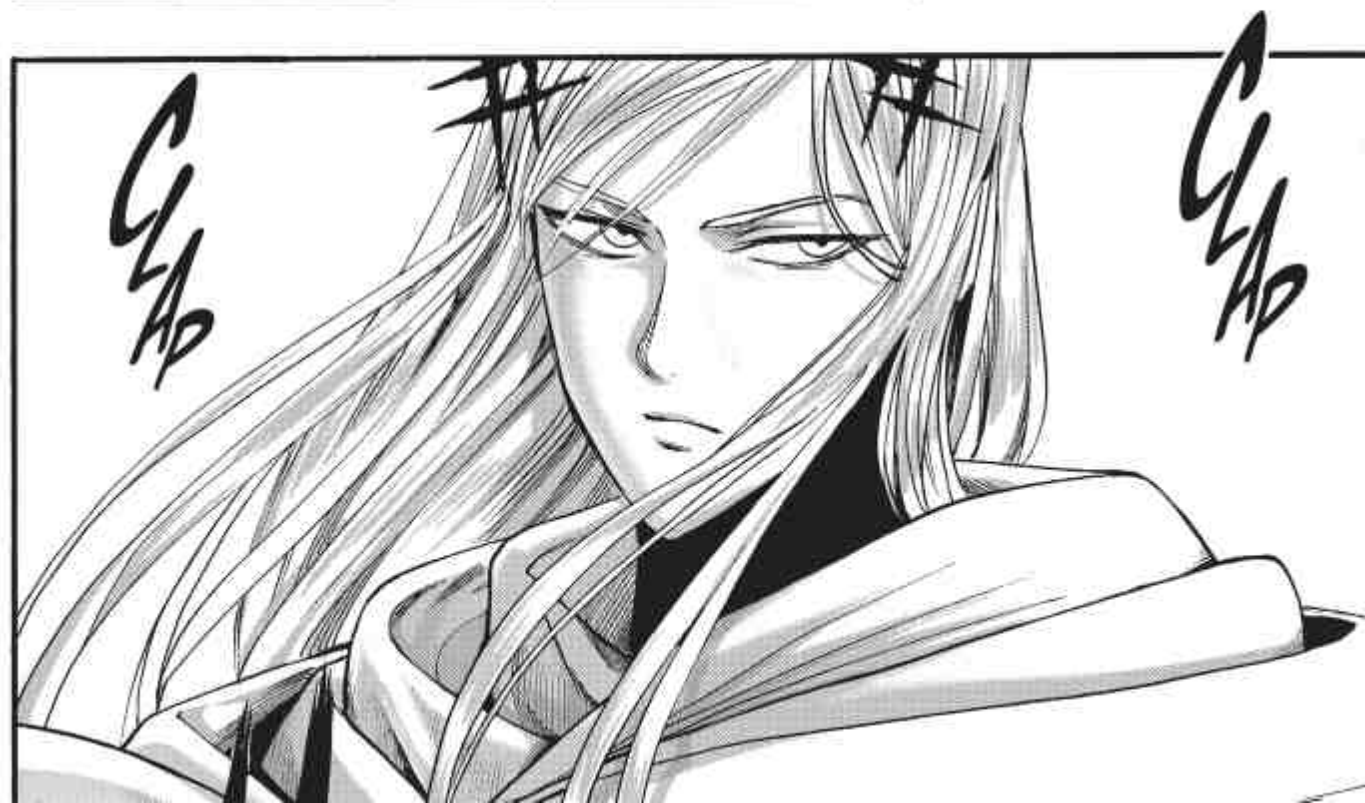
WE CAN
CONTACT
EACH
OTHER IN
EMERGENCIES,
BUT DON'T
EXPECT TO
BE RESCUED.















CLAP

IMPRES-
SIVE...



CLAP











THIS
GUY...



I'VE
LOOKED
FORWARD
TO THIS!

YEAH!
AND
NOW
WE
MEET!



WERE
YOU
AFTER
ME
THIS
WHOLE
TIME?



WIND
BLADE
KICK!

FW
SH







I ALMOST
HAD HIM!

THAT
WAS
CLOSE
...





BUT
THAT
MAKES
THIS
EASIER.



I NEVER
EXPECTED
YOU TO
INFILTRATE
THIS PLACE
ON YOUR
OWN.

YOU
HEROES
ARE A
BOLD AND
ARROGANT
BUNCH!



ENOUGH
CHIT-
CHAT.

SHING



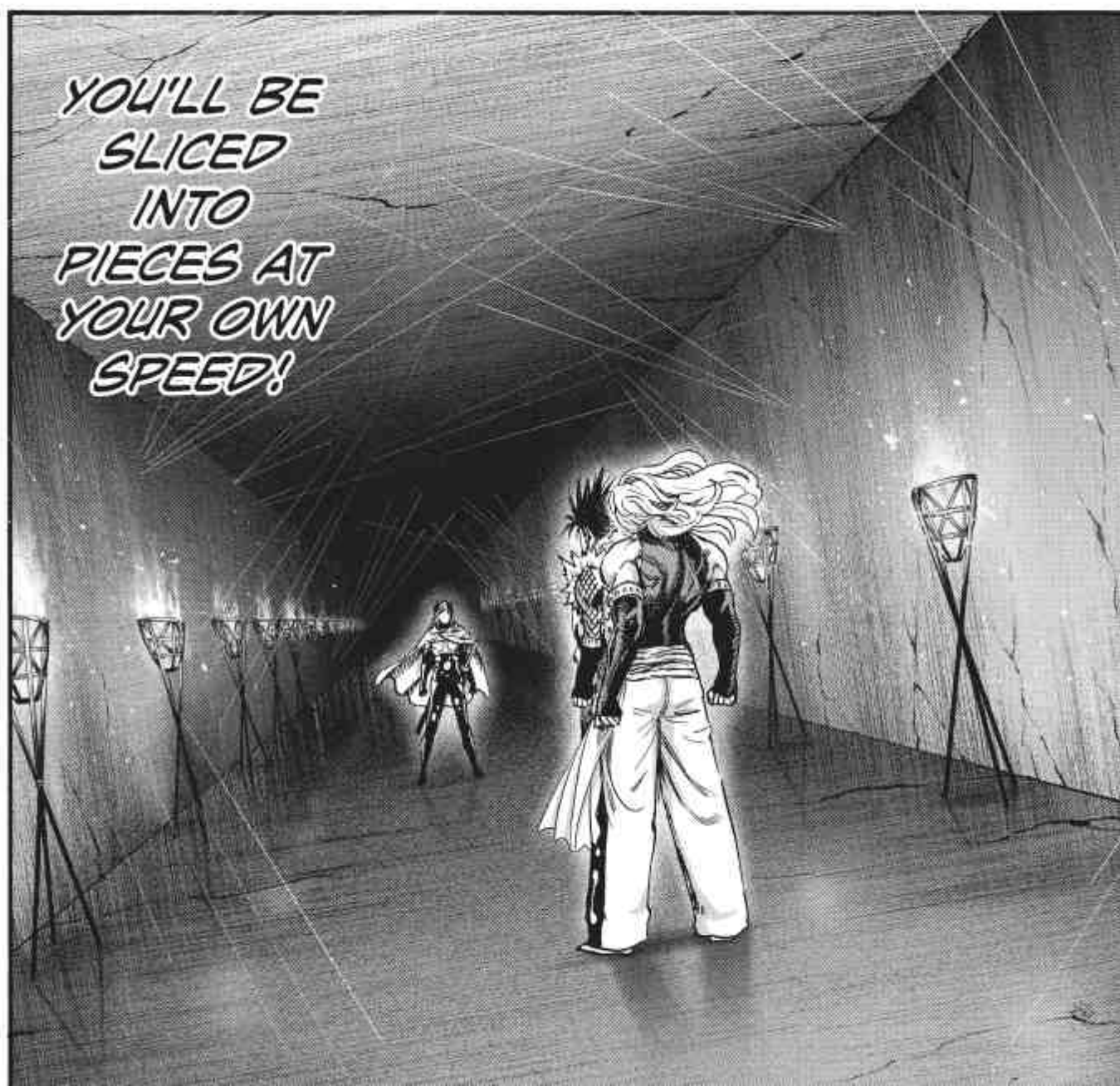


...FLEE
LIKE A
WINGED
INSECT
STRAIGHT
INTO THE
SPIDER'S
WEB!



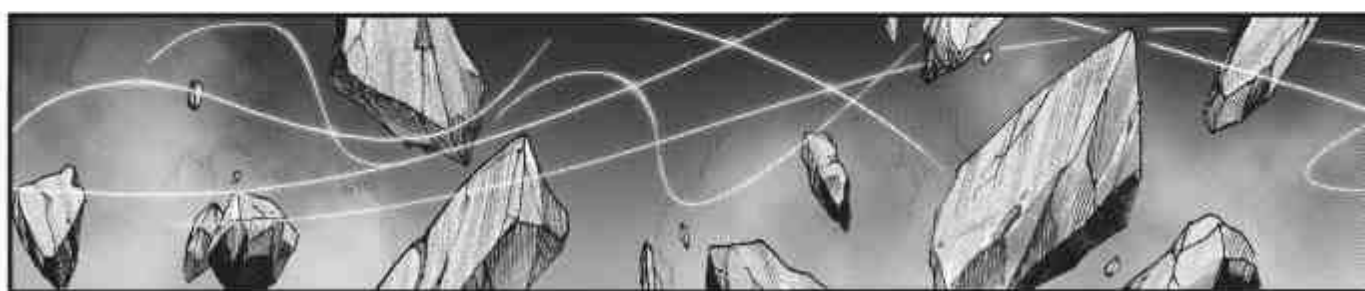
PURSUED
BY WIND
AND
FLAME...

HEH



YOU'LL BE
SLICED
INTO
PIECES AT
YOUR OWN
SPEED!

















WE TOOK IT
FROM THE
MONSTERS.

THIS
IS A
GOOD
SPOT,
NO?

NOW WE
CAN FIGHT
ALL WE
WANT!

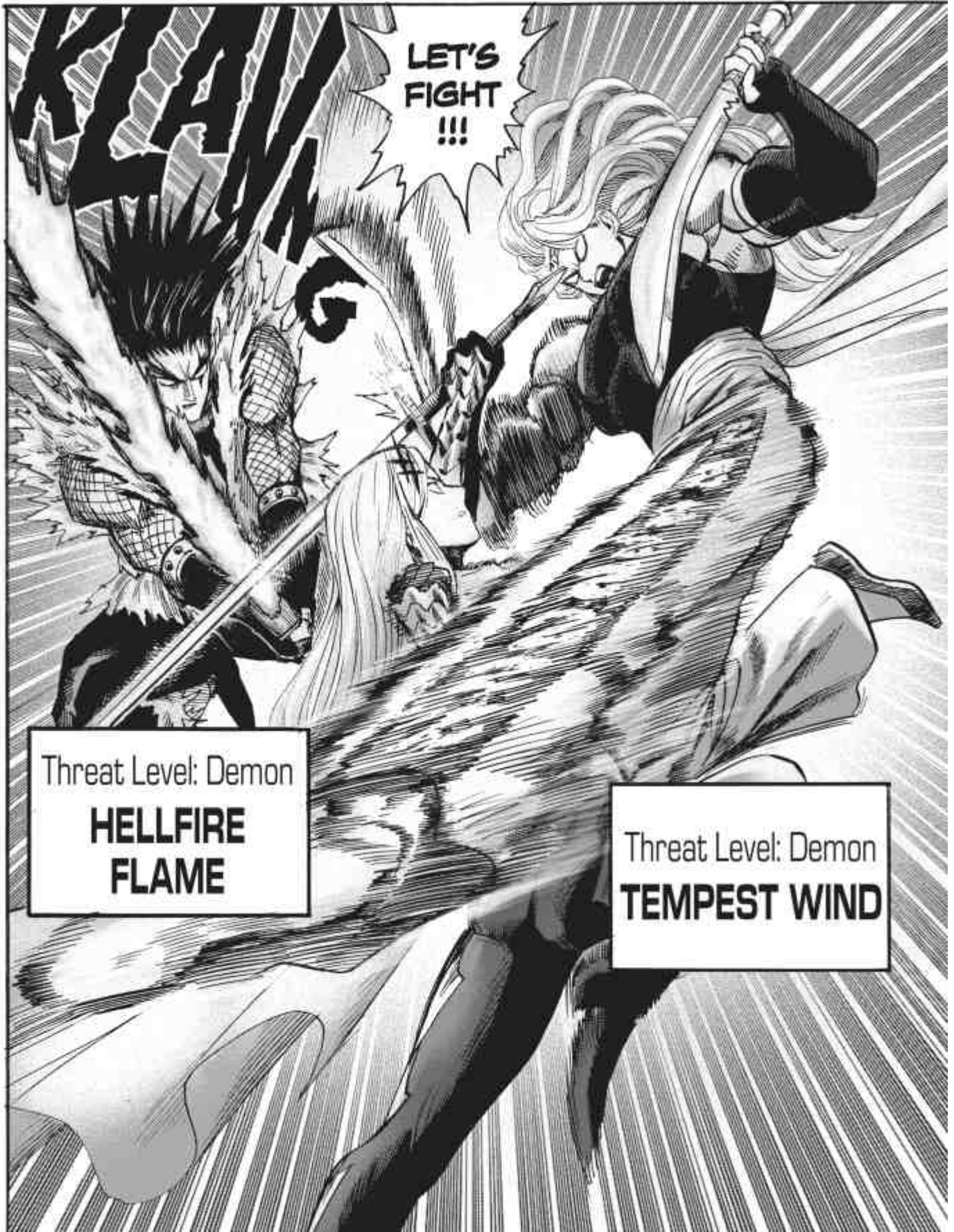


AND AS
HARD
AS WE
WANT!



...AND
WE'RE
FROM
GOLDEN
37!

WE'RE
YOUR
BUTCHERS
...







WHO
HIRED
YOU?!



AFTER THE
MONSTER
ASSOCIA-
TION,
I'LL GO
SAY HELLO
TO YOUR
EMPLOYER!







...FOR
SENDING
ASSASSINS
AFTER ME.



BECAUSE
I AL-
READY
KILLED
HIM...



WHY
NOT?

NO.



OH
YEAH, I
REMEM-
BER
THAT
GUY...

AND THE
INDOM-
ITABLE
BANDIT
CAP'N
JAMA-
STORM?

I KILLED
HIM.

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
DRUG
SHOGUN
HERAUD?

I
KILLED
HIM.

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
FREAK
PHANTOM
THIEF
CHIMA-
GUSA?

AND THE
HEART
COLLECTOR
BULIGULA?

I
KILLED
HIM,
TOO.

ALL OF
'EM ARE
AT THE
BOTTOM
OF THE
OCEAN.

THERE'S
ALSO
ALL
THE BIG
SHOTS
OF THE
ASSASSI-
NATION
ASSOCIA-
TION—





...YOU
MUST
DIE!

THANK
YOU.

BUT
NOW...



...BUT
TOUGH
MEMBERS
OF THE
VILLAGE
STOOD IN
OUR WAY!

WE WANT
TO USE OUR
POWERS
FOR WORLD
DOMINATION...









THAT'S
WHY YOU
NEEDED
AN OPEN
SPACE.

YOU
HAVEN'T
BEEN
MONSTERS
LONG, SO
YOU AREN'T
ACCUSTOMED
TO YOUR TOP
SPEEDS.



YOU
KNEW
AND
YET
YOU
STILL
CAME?

OH
MY...



...HOW
YOU LOOK
DOWN ON
YOUR
ELDERS.

IT'S
REALLY
IRRITATING
...

UAAH
KRY



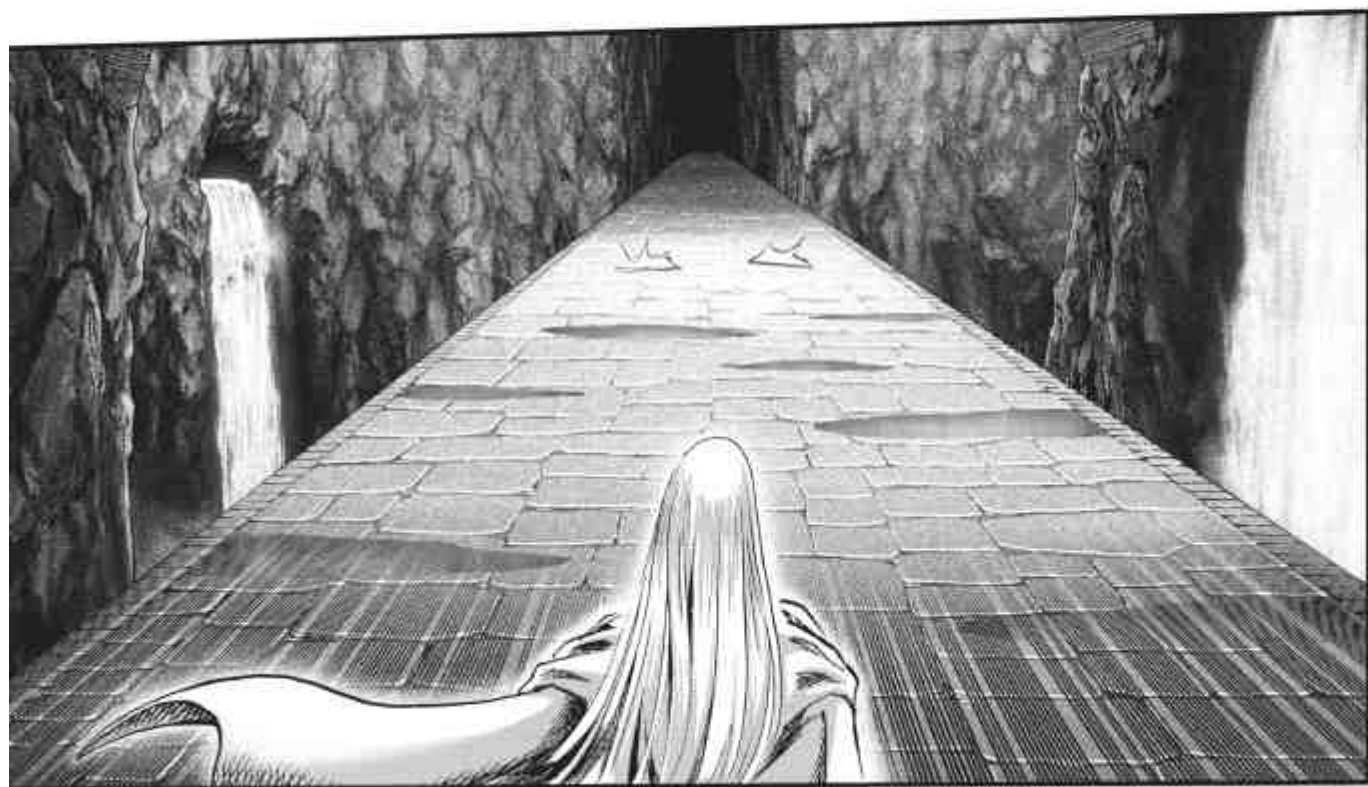
YOU
CAN'T
TAKE
THOSE
WORDS
BACK
...

...
SO YOU
BETTER
WATCH
CLOSELY!



...THAT MON-
STERIZING
ISN'T NEARLY
ENOUGH TO
BEAT ME!

NO, I'M
GOING TO
TEACH YOU
PUFFED-UP
NOBODIES
...







Threat Level: Dragon
**HELLFIRE
FLAME**

Threat Level: Dragon
TEMPEST WIND



PUNCH 99: IN AN INSTANT





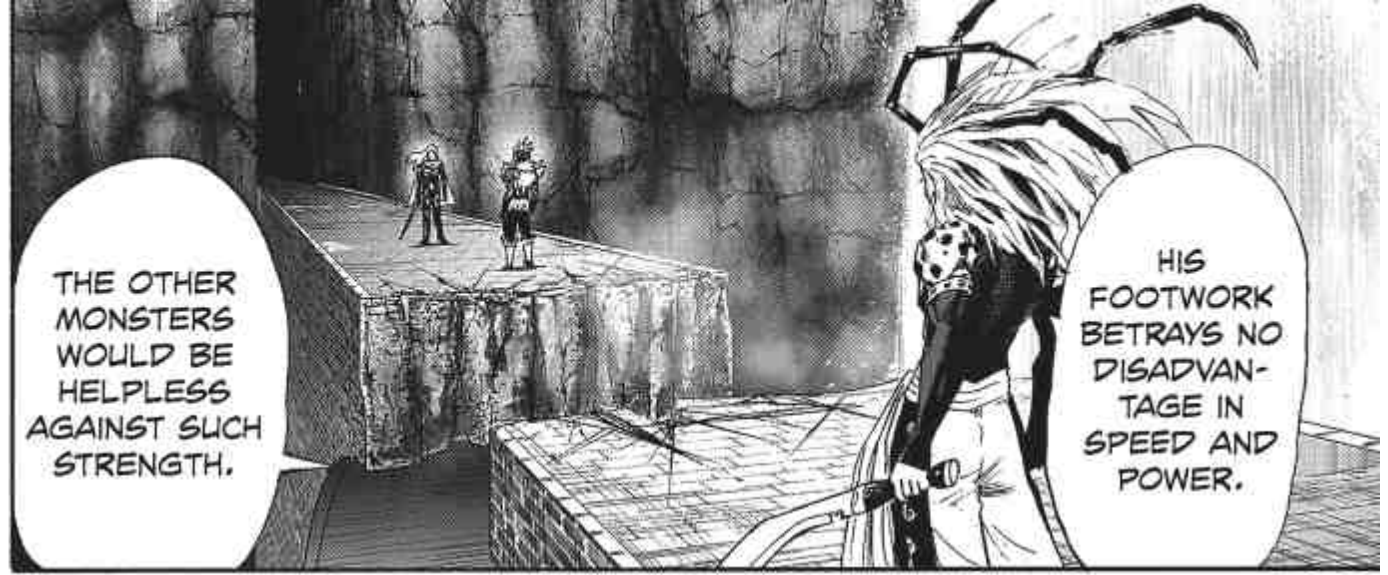
















THAT
IS THE
STRONGEST
AND MOST
VICIOUS
WAY.

AND IT'LL
MAKE THIS
SIMPLER.

I WILL
KILL YOU
AS A
MONSTER.

I DON'T
NEED
TECHNIQUE
OR
WEAPONS.

I'M
DONE
FIGHTING
AS A
NINJA.



YOU GOT
US TO
ABANDON
OUR PRIDE
AS NINJA,
AND I
RESPECT
THAT.

WE'RE
GONNA
SHAME YOU
WITH MIND-
BLOWING
SPEED.



...AND TEACH
YOU THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
HUMAN AND
MONSTER
BEFORE
YOU DIE!

WE WILL
BRUTALLY
ATTACK
YOU BY
UNLEASHING
OUR
ULTIMATE
SPEED...



...FLASHY
FLASH!

GOOD-
BYE...



















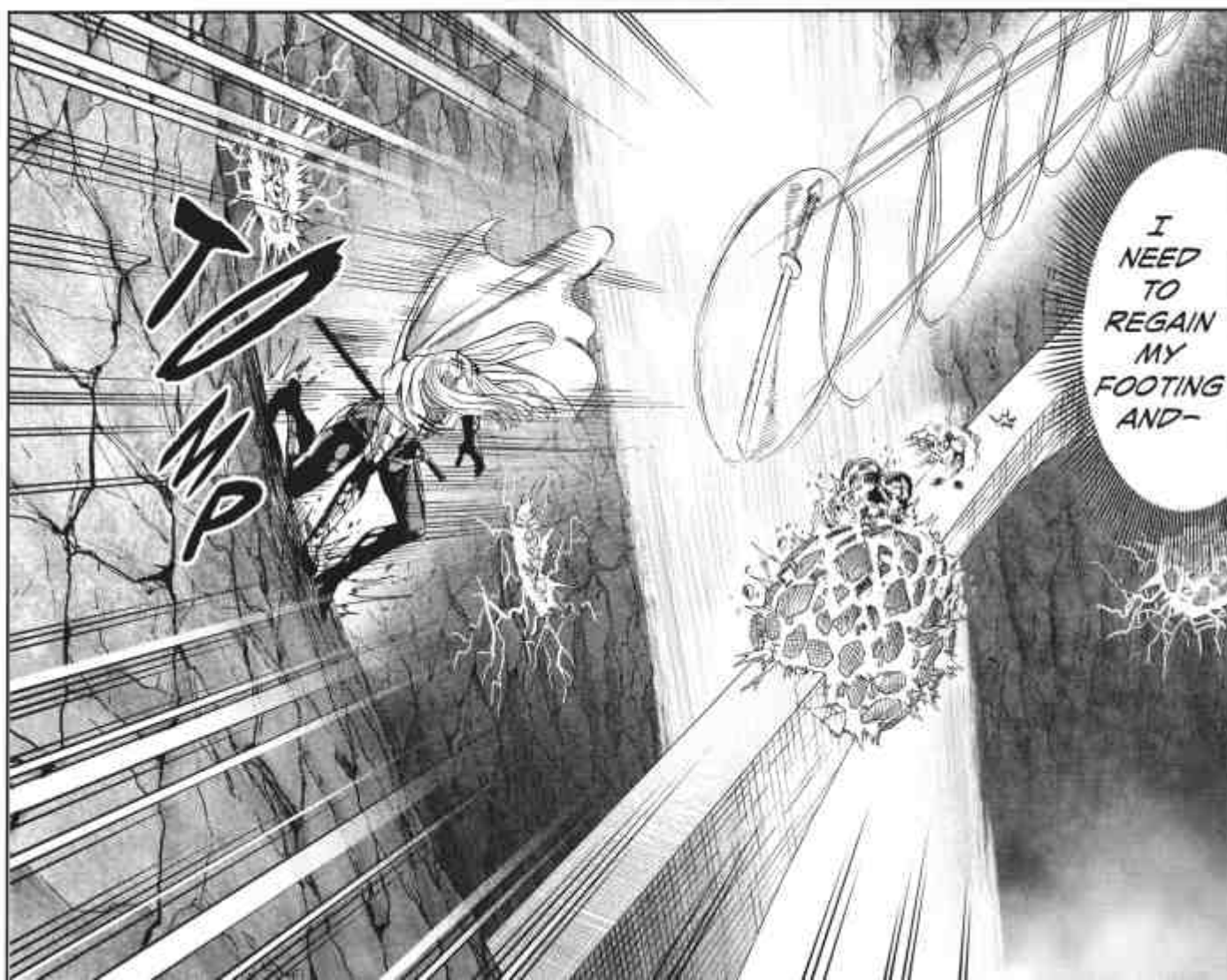








**FLASHY
KICK!**



ABSOLLITE
TECHNIQUE

...





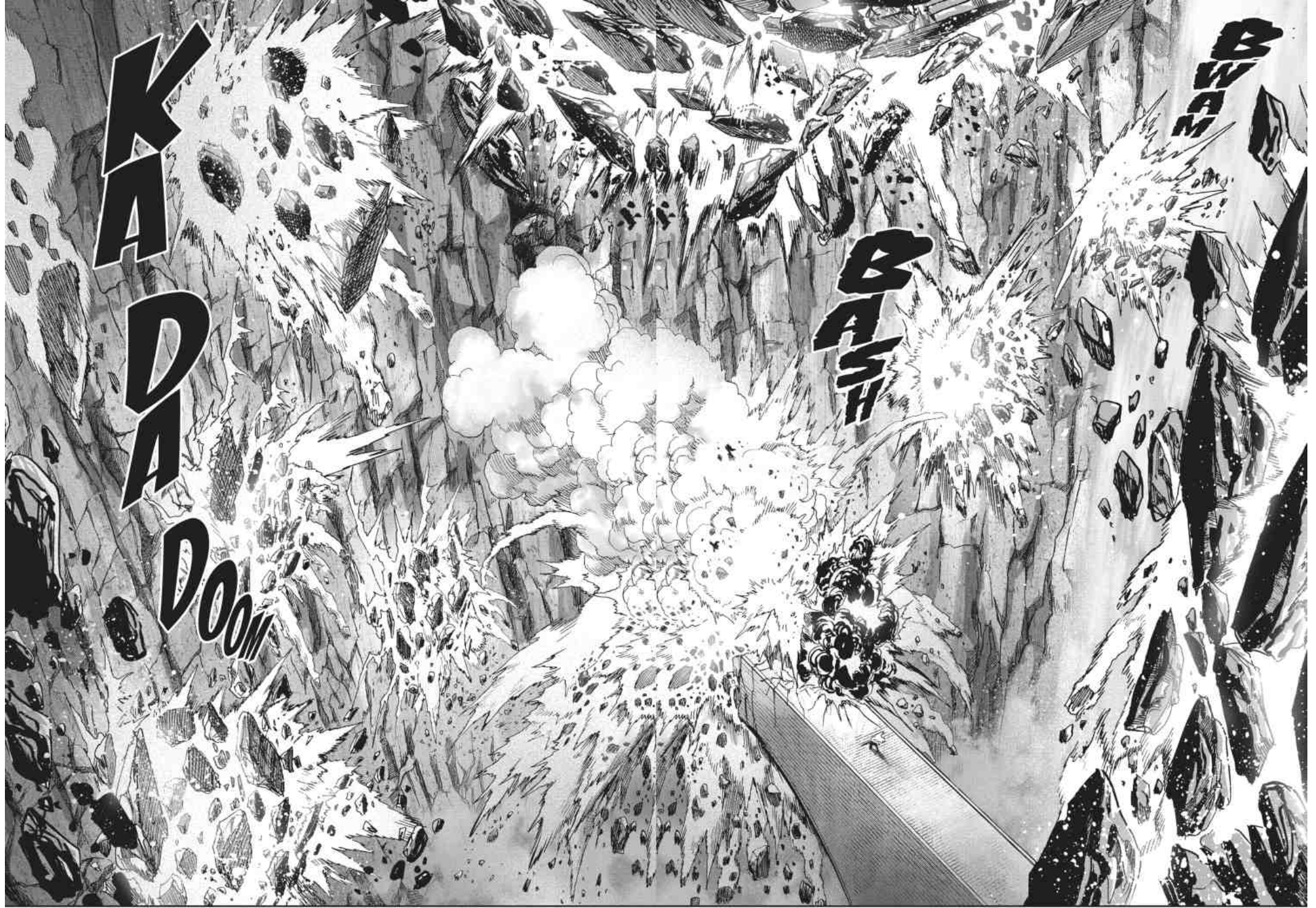
... FLASHY
SLASH!













IF ONE
OF YOU
ESCAPED,
IT WOULD
CAUSE
PROBLEMS.

I WAS
WAITING
TO FINISH
YOU BOTH
SIMULTA-
NEOUSLY.



YOUR BEST
OPTION WAS
TO SIMPLY
LEAVE ME
ALONE.

THE
OTHER
CLASS-S
HEROES
WOULD HAVE
DIFFICULTY
AGAINST
YOUR
SPEED.



ARGH
...

...
YOU'RE
SO IRRI-
TATING!

IF YOU
HAD A
MOVE LIKE
THAT...

...YOU
SHOULD'VE
USED IT
SOONER!



HEH...
YOU'RE SO
IRRITATING!

SO WE
COULD'VE
BEATEN
ANYONE...
BUT YOU.



WE
WANTED
TO BE
ON THE
SIDE...
THAT
STEALS
AND
CON-
TROLS.

ASSASSINS
LIVE IN THE
SHADOWS...

OTHERS
USE THEM
AND TREAT
THEM LIKE
TOOLS...

WE DID
EVERY-
THING WE
COULD TO
SEIZE
POWER,
BUT...



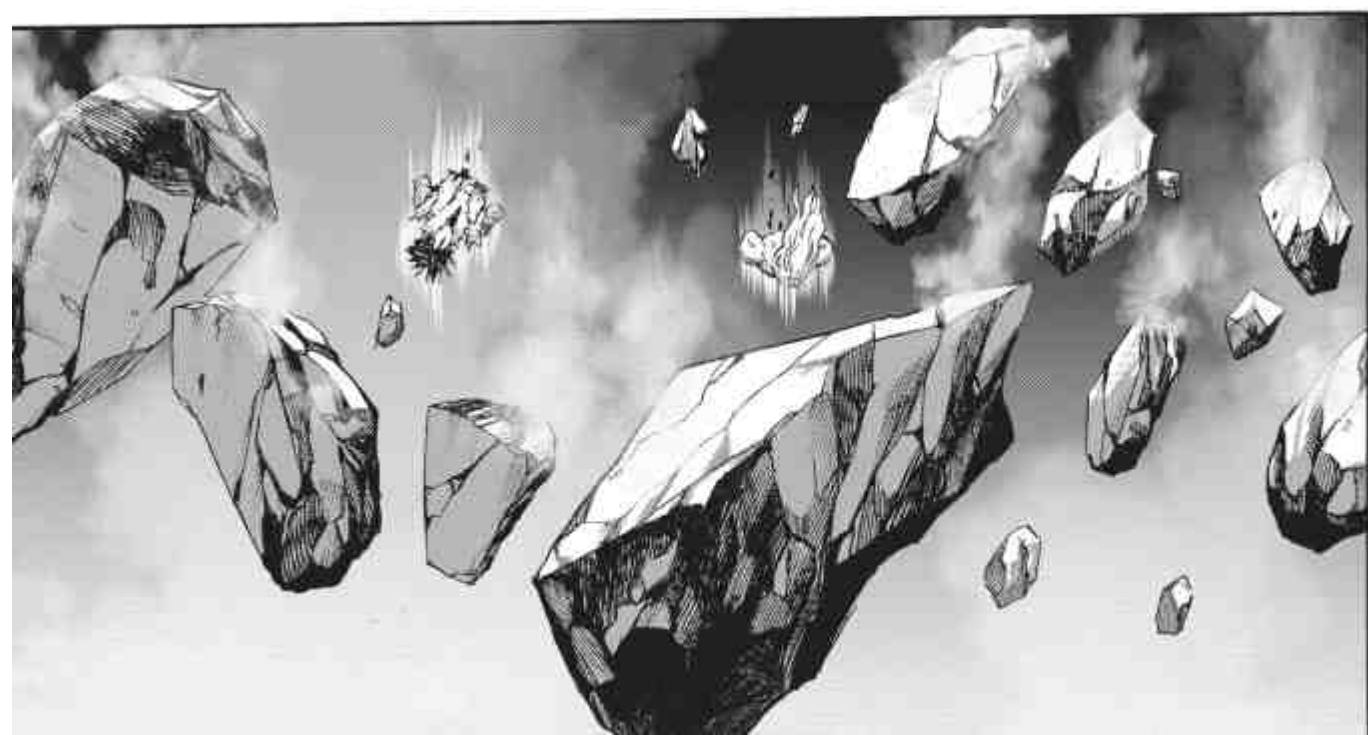


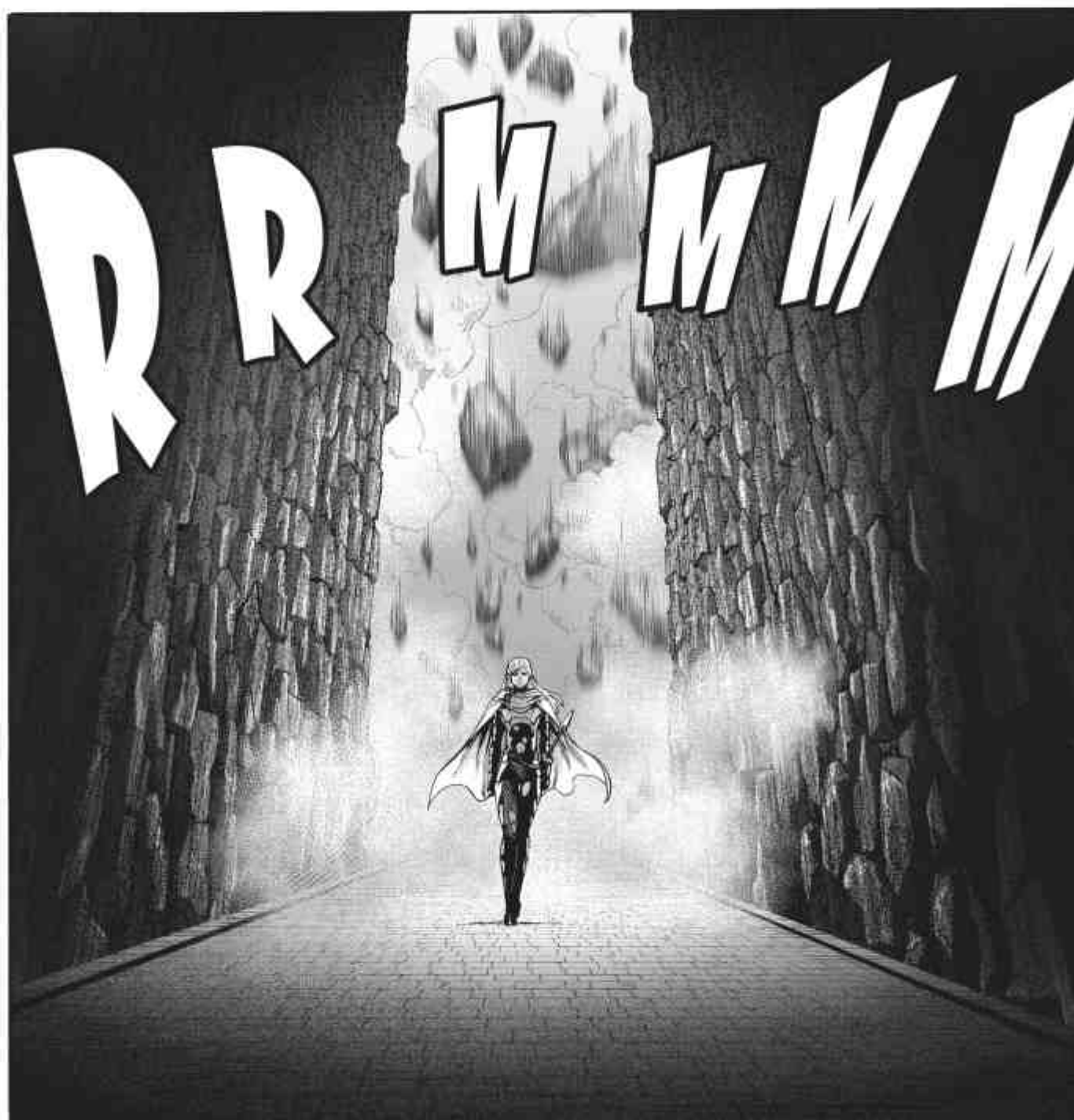
FLASHY
FLASH...

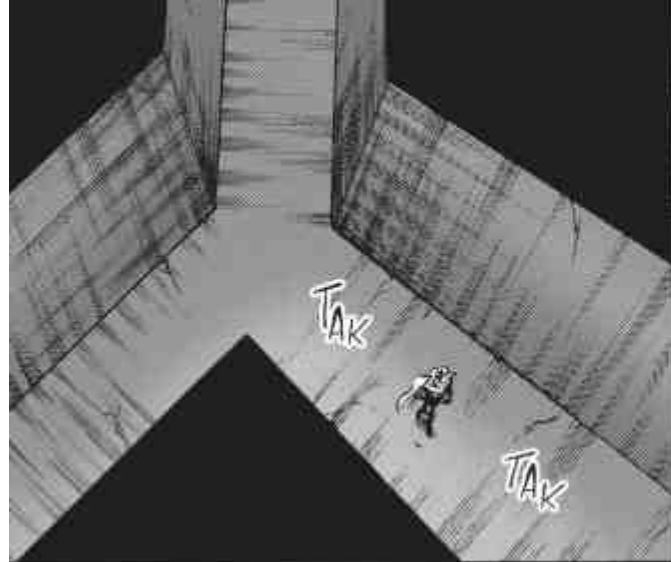


...WHAT
DID WE
LACK?











PUNCH 100: BACKPACK





EVERYONE
ELSE IS
MOVING
NORMALLY.



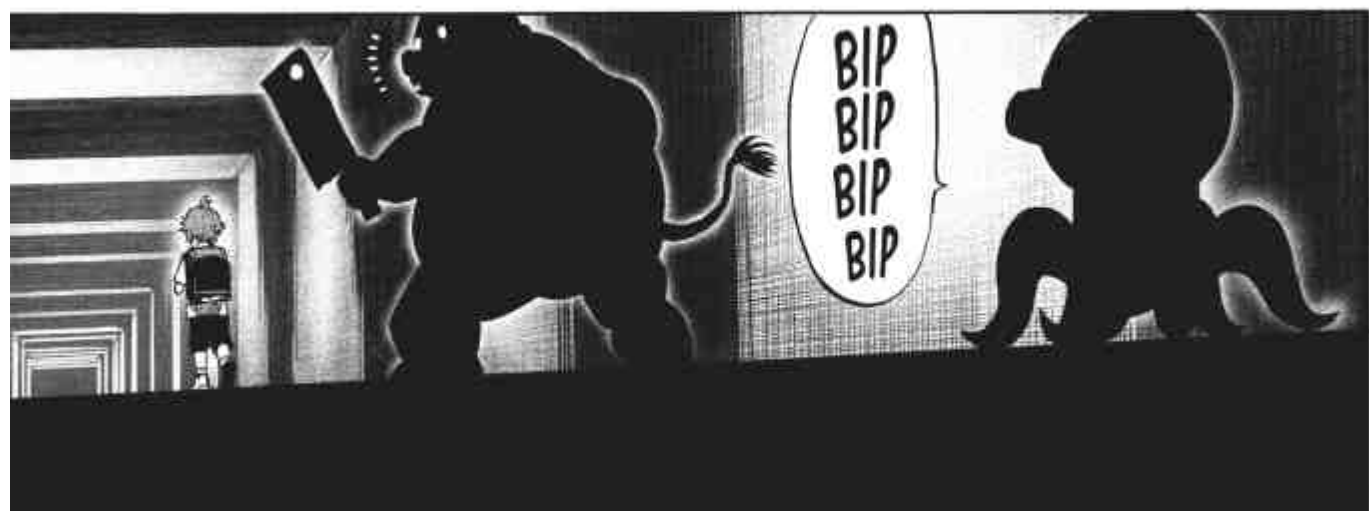
THE
HERO
MOVING
AT HIGH
SPEED
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
FLASH.

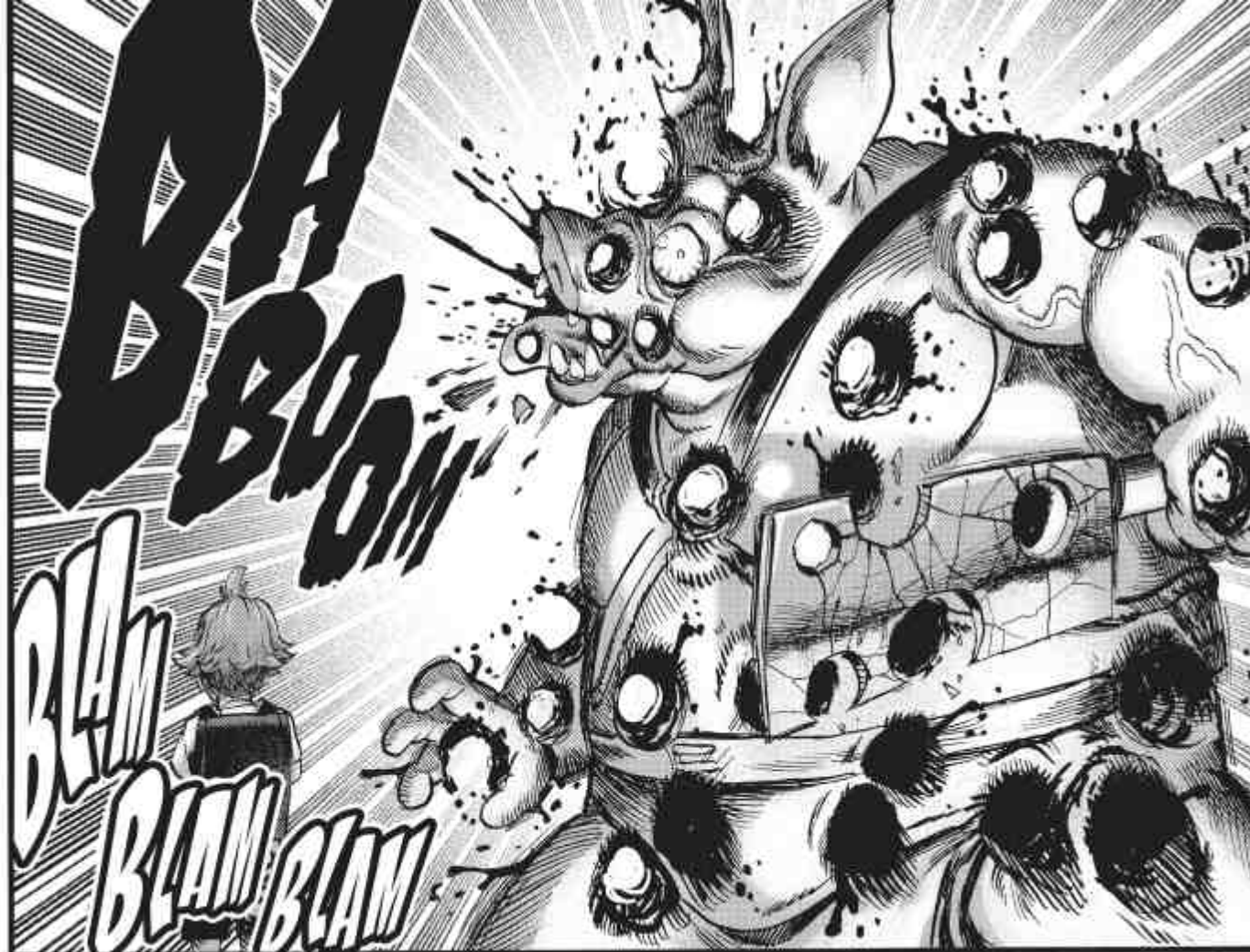
BUT
THEN HE
STOPPED.
IS HIS
TRANSMITTER
BROKEN?



IN THE
WORST
CASE,
THEY'LL
SEND AN
EMER-
GENCY
SIGNAL.

BUT IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENS,
THEY CAN
HANDLE IT.

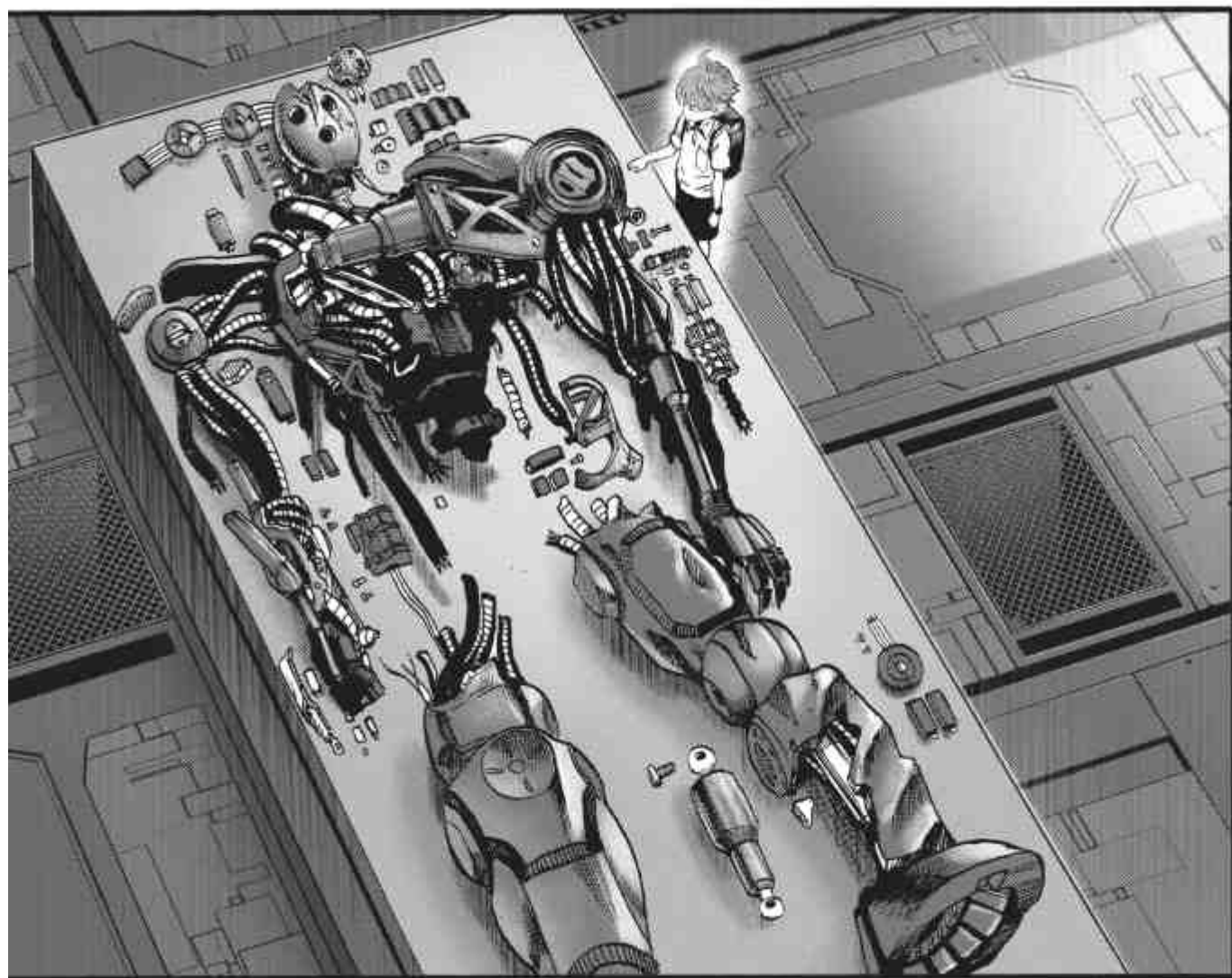




MINI OCTO-TANK NO. 8

This weapon fires at any moving object in its defensive zone until the target's carbon dioxide emissions reach zero.

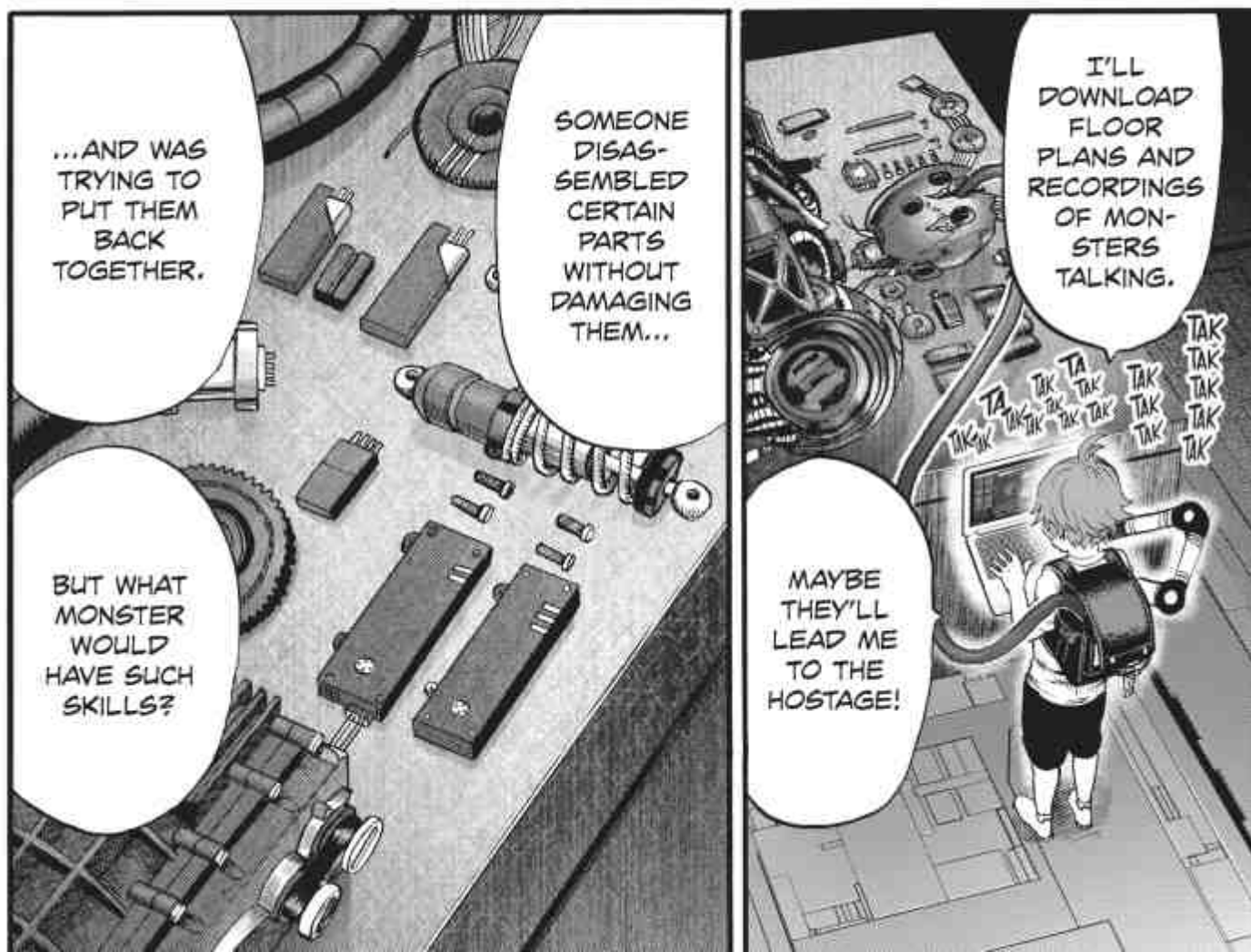


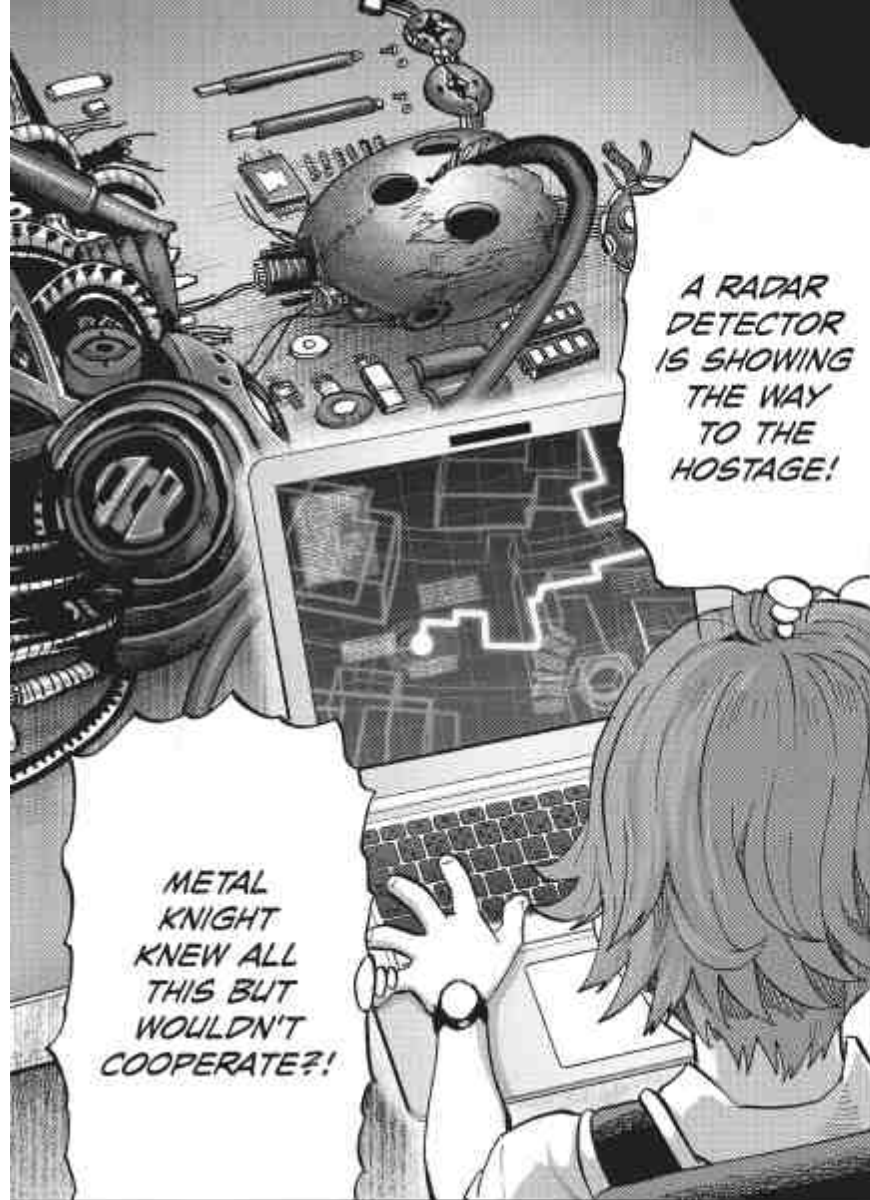


DOING THIS
WOULD REQUIRE
AN INCREDIBLE
AMOUNT OF
STRENGTH!
HE SAID IT WAS
THE MONSTER
KING OROCHI...
I HOPE I DON'T
RUN INTO HIM!

METAL KNIGHT
RAN INTENSIVE
DURABILITY TESTS,
BUT THIS STILL GOT
PULVERIZED!







A RADAR
DETECTOR
IS SHOWING
THE WAY
TO THE
HOSTAGE!

METAL
KNIGHT
KNEW ALL
THIS BUT
WOULDN'T
COOPERATE?!



UGH...
MONSTERS
USING TECH
CREATED TO
DESTROY
MONSTERS...

...IS YET
ANOTHER
REASON TO
WORRY!



I FOUND
IT! BUT
WHAT'S
THIS?



WELL,
GETTING
ANGRY
ABOUT IT
WON'T
HELP!



CALMLY AND
STEADILY
CLEARING
OBSTACLES
IS THE
SUREST WAY
TO SUCCESS!

AFTER
ALL, I
GOT INFO
ON MY
OBJEC-
TIVE!

NOW I
KNOW, SO
I'LL TRY
TO BE
POSITIVE!





DID
YOU
MAKE
THAT?

IT'S A
CHILDISH
DESIGN.

DO YOU
THINK
THIS IS
CHILD'S
PLAY?

FS
H
H
H



ARE
YOU ONE
OF THE
MONSTERS'
LEADERS?

BUT I AM
MERCILESS
EVEN
TOWARD
RUGRATS!

I ENVY
YOUR
CHILDISH
CARELESS-
NESS.



IN SOME
WAYS, I'M
BETTER
THAN AN
EXECUTIVE!

I'M NOT
EXECUTIVE
CLASS,
BUT I'M
ABOVE THE
RIFFRAFF.

YOU MIGHT
SAY I'M A
MIDDLE
MANAGER.



AN
ORGANIZATION
COMES WITH
FETTERS. BUT
TO A KID WHOSE
EYES LIGHT UP
AT THE WORD
"HERO," THAT
MIGHT BE
HARD TO
COMPREHEND.

UNDER-
STAND?



YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
SOUGHT
PRAISE
FROM
ADULTS.

MNCH

MNCH

MNCH

G
U
L
P

YOU'RE
SMART FOR
A RUNT, BUT
BECOMING
A CLASS-S
HERO TO GET
ATTENTION
AND SPECIAL
TREATMENT...

...HAS LED
YOU HERE
TO AN
UNFORTUNATE
DEMISE.



EVEN THE
MONSTER
ASSOCIATION
IS A MERE
STEPPING-
STONE!

SOMEDAY,
I WILL STEAL
THE TITLE OF
KING FROM
OROCHI!

I ONLY
TRUST
MYSELF!



I BE-
CAME A
MONSTER
WHEN I
PUT ON
A BIRD
COSTUME
AND
COULDN'T
TAKE IT
OFF!

FOR
I AM
**PHOENIX
MAN!**

Threat Level: Demon
PHOENIX MAN



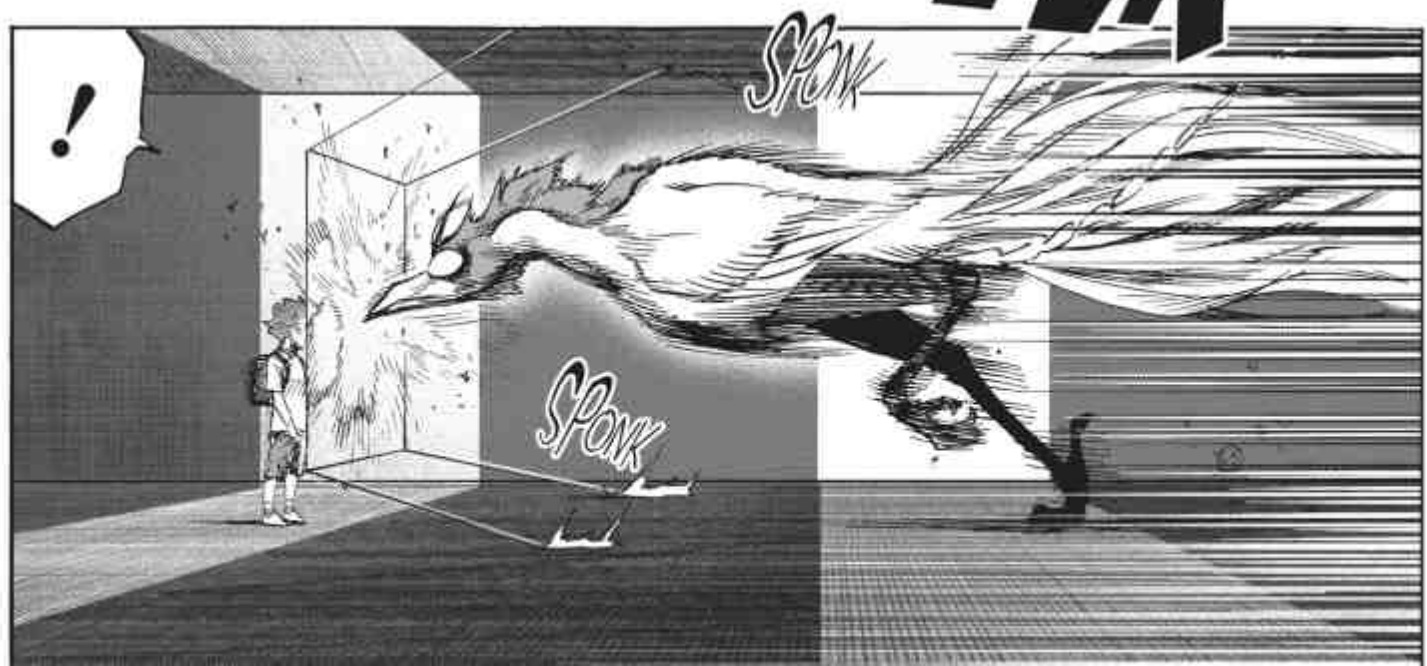
AND THIS
IS WHERE
YOU DIE!

CHILD
EMPEROR,
YOU ARE A
VICTIM OF
THE TIMES!



I'LL
MAKE
IT FAST
SO YOU
DON'T
SUFFER!

**BEAK
ATTACK!**



THE
TRANSPARENT
FILM IS
RESISTANT TO
SUDDEN
IMPACT.

RUSTLE

WHILE
YOU WERE
TALKING, I
EJECTED
WIRES TO
SUPPORT
THIS
BARRIER.

THIS IS A
PROTOTYPE.
WOULD IT BE
BORING TO
CALL IT AN
INVISIBLE
WALL? MAYBE
IRRITATING
SHIELD WOULD
BE BETTER?

PANG

...
PRETTY
HANDY,
HUH?

I CAN ROLL
IT UP FOR
PORTABILITY
AND EVEN
WRAP CANDY
IN IT.

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

...BUT
NOW I'M
IN A BAD
MOOD.

I THOUGHT
ABOUT TAKING
YOU ALIVE TO
SERVE AS MY
GUIDE...





SQ-

WA-

AA-

AA-

AA-

AW-

WW-

WK!











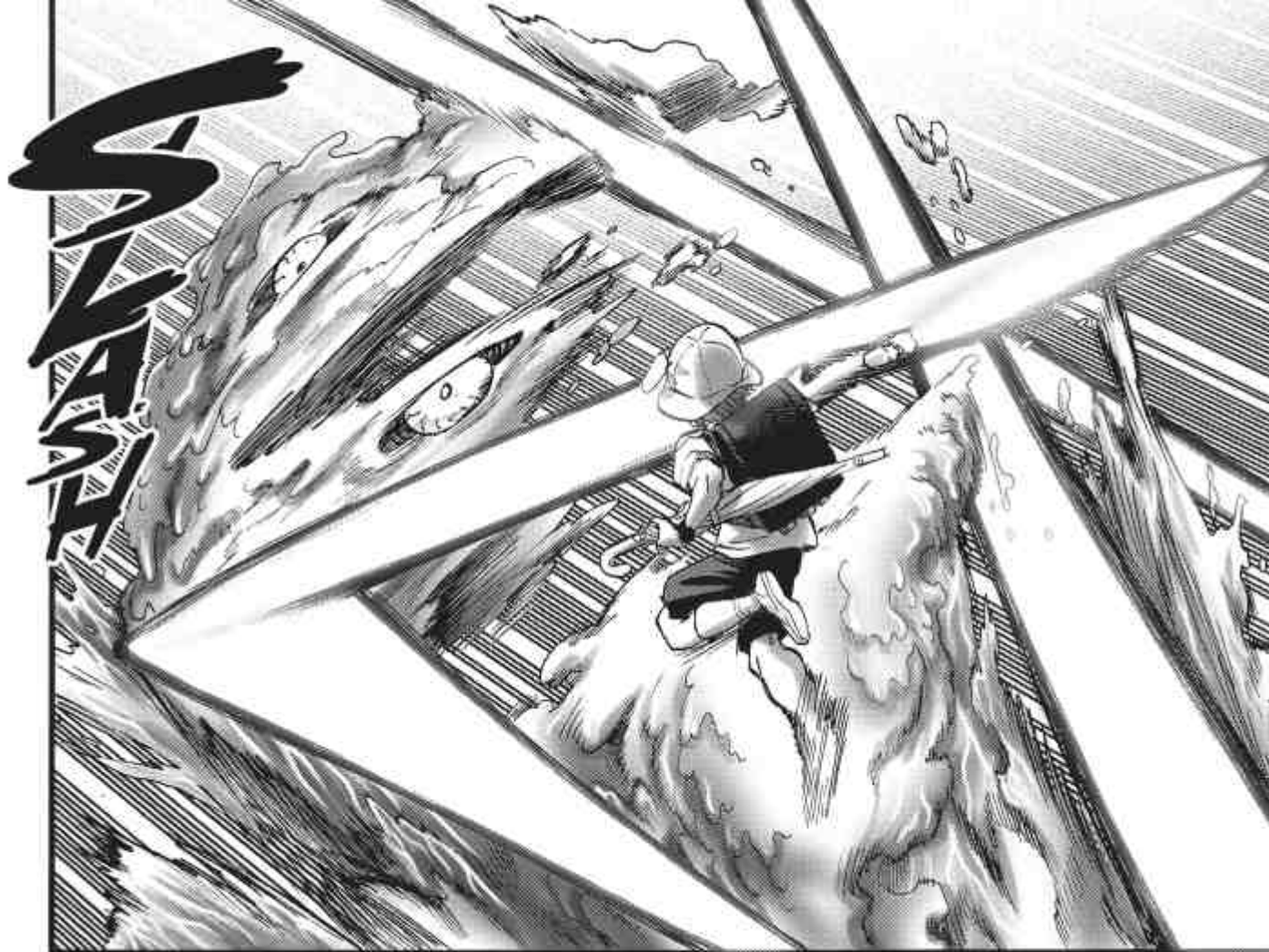


Threat Level: Tiger

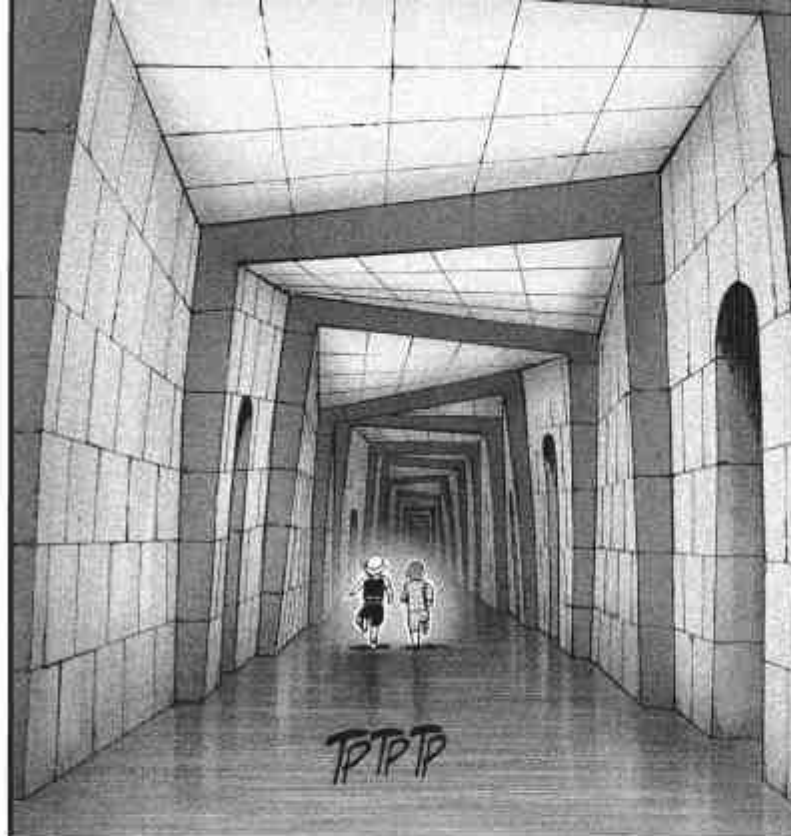
**HEDRO-
JELLYFISH**













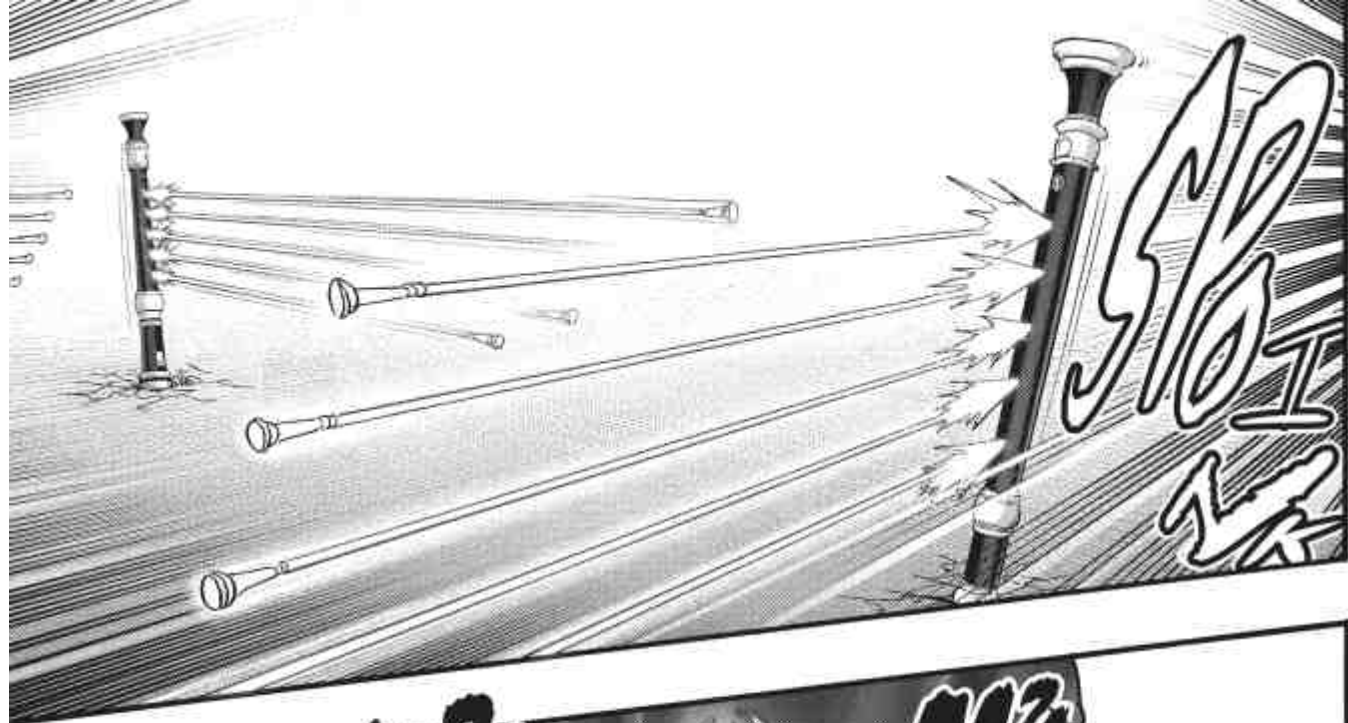




KONK

YOU
LOOK
LIKE A
HERO.

SPARE
ME YOUR
NAME.
YOU WILL
DIE
ANYWAY.



I CALL
IT THE
BUG
BA-
ZAPPER!

A
MECHANICAL
OPPONENT
NEUTRALIZER!



COOL!
CAN I
TAKE
THAT
ROBOT
HOME?

IT TRAPS
TARGETS IN
HIGH-PRESSURE
ELECTRIC LINES,
THEN DELIVERS
A SIGNAL
FORCING
SHUTDOWN!



**PUNCH 101:
TEARS OF REGRET**





COME!

BOMP

ARGH!
I'M
BURNING
THROUGH
ITEMS
FAST,
BUT...

PUNK



KATANK

FAITHFUL
SERVANTS!
UNDERDOG
MEN!

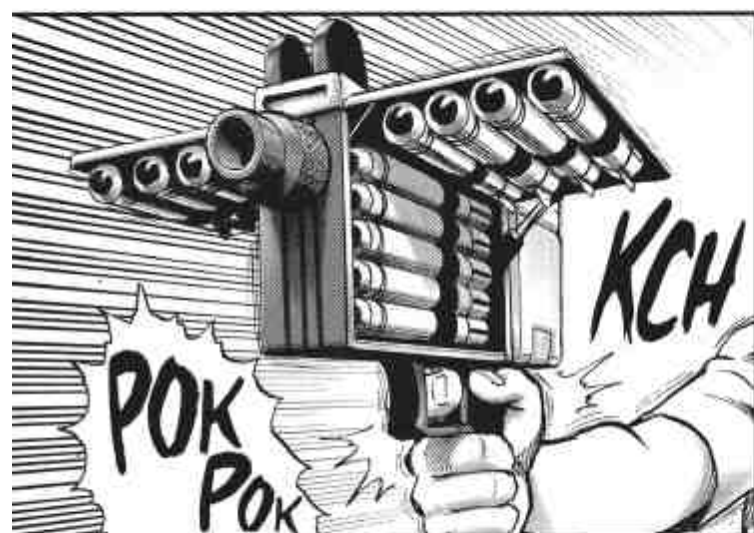








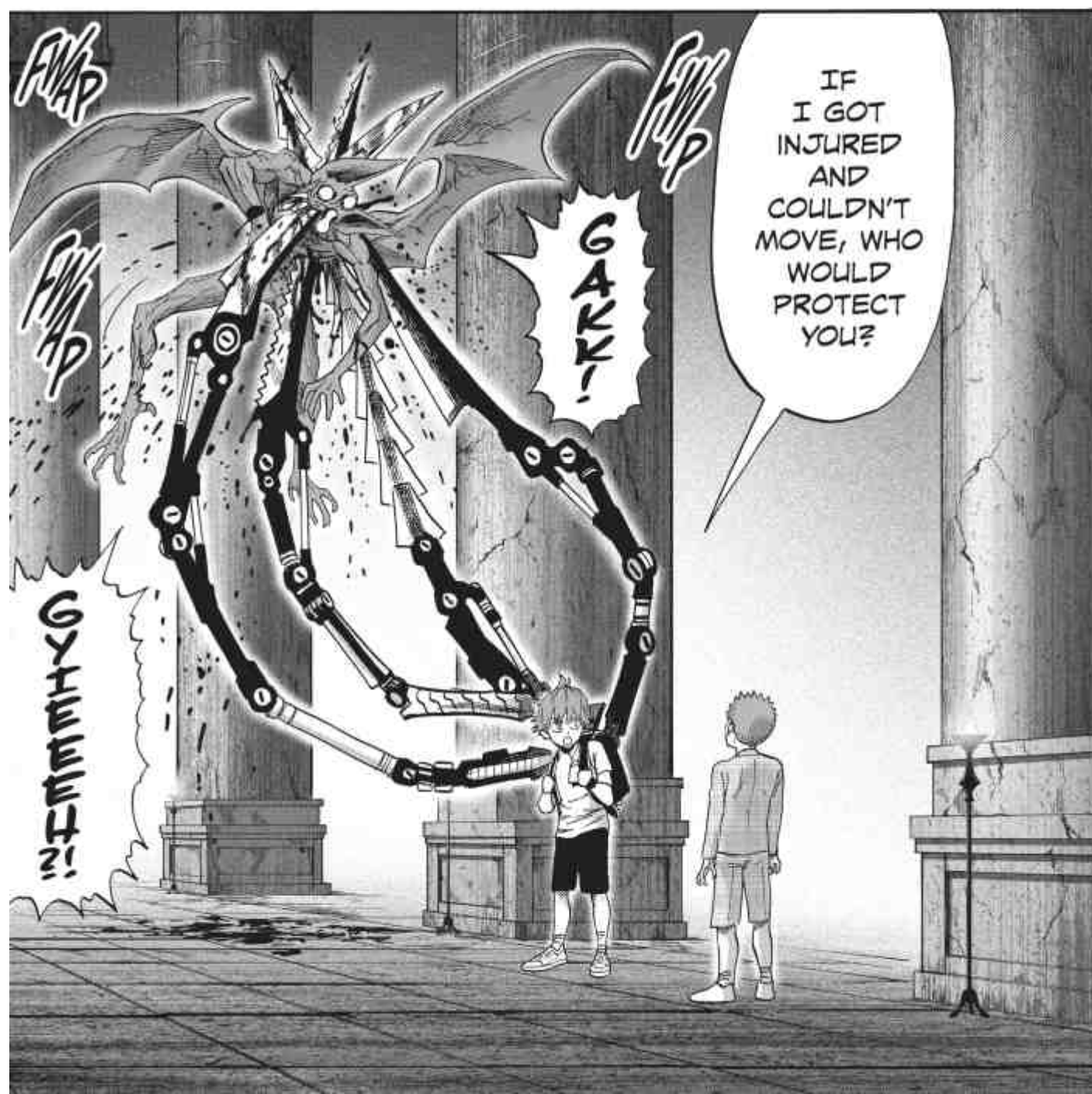
HOW
IRRITATING.

















DONKAN
BIRD WAS
STUPID
AND
ALWAYS
DIED.

THE
HUMOR WAS
A LITTLE
DARK, SO
IT GOT
CANCELED.



...BUT
HE WAS
SO THICK-
HEADED
HE'D RETURN
THE NEXT
EPISODE LIKE
NOTHING
HAPPENED.

HE'D
FLY INTO
POWER
LINES
...

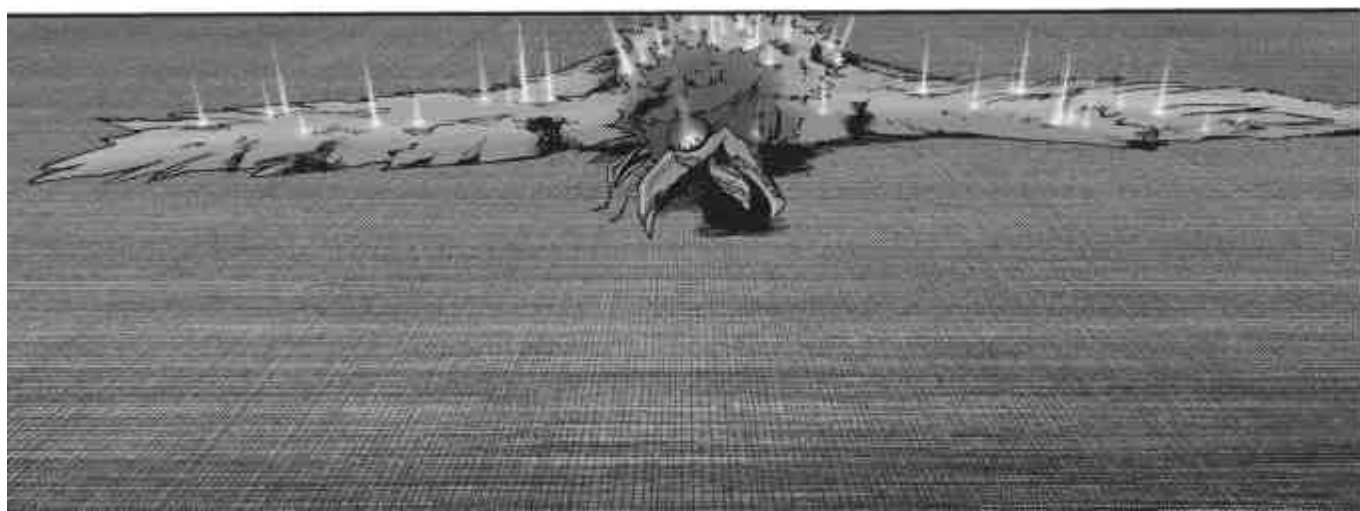
...OR GET
GRILLED
AND
SKEWERED
...

Hallo!



ALWAYS?

YEAH!



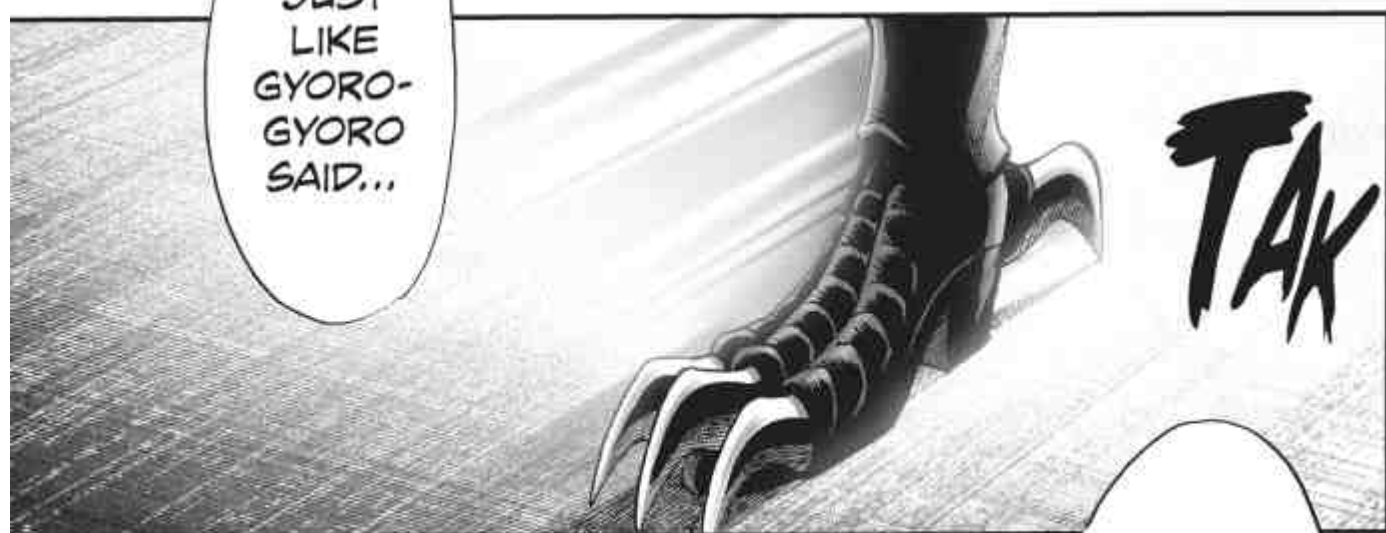
FWASH

?!





JUST
LIKE
GYORO-
GYORO
SAID...



TAK



...OVER-
COMING A
HELLISH
BRUSH
WITH
DEATH...



...IS THE
SECRET TO
EXPLOSIVE
GROWTH!



Threat Level: Dragon
RESURRECTED
PHOENIX MAN







HE
RETURNED
THE
BLAST!!!



GET
DOWN!

FW



GF
OH





...SO
I'LL
FIGHT
MY-
SELF!

I
DON'T
HAVE
ANY
MORE
UNDER-
DOG
MEN...



WHAT'RE
YOU
GONNA
DO?!

DON'T
LEAVE
ME!!!



...ONE
MORE
TIME!!!

I'LL
DEFEAT
THIS
CREEP
...







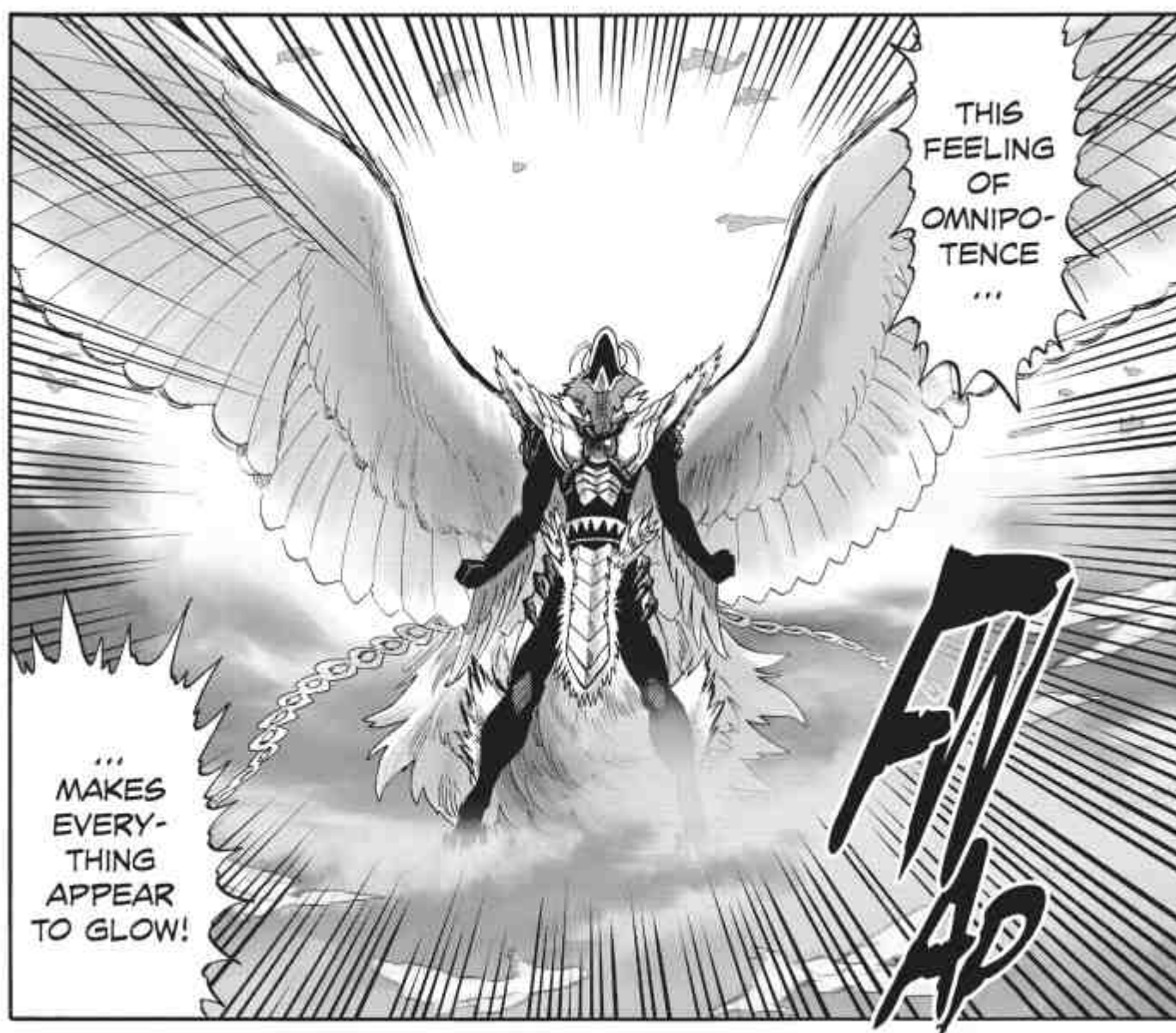
PHOENIX
EXPLOSION
BEAK
ATTACK!













DO
NOT
WEEP,
BOY!

THIS
TIME,
I'LL KILL
YOU
BEFORE
YOU HAVE
TIME TO
FEAR!



OF ALL
CREA-
TURES
...

IN THIS
MOMENT,
MY POWER
IS RISING!

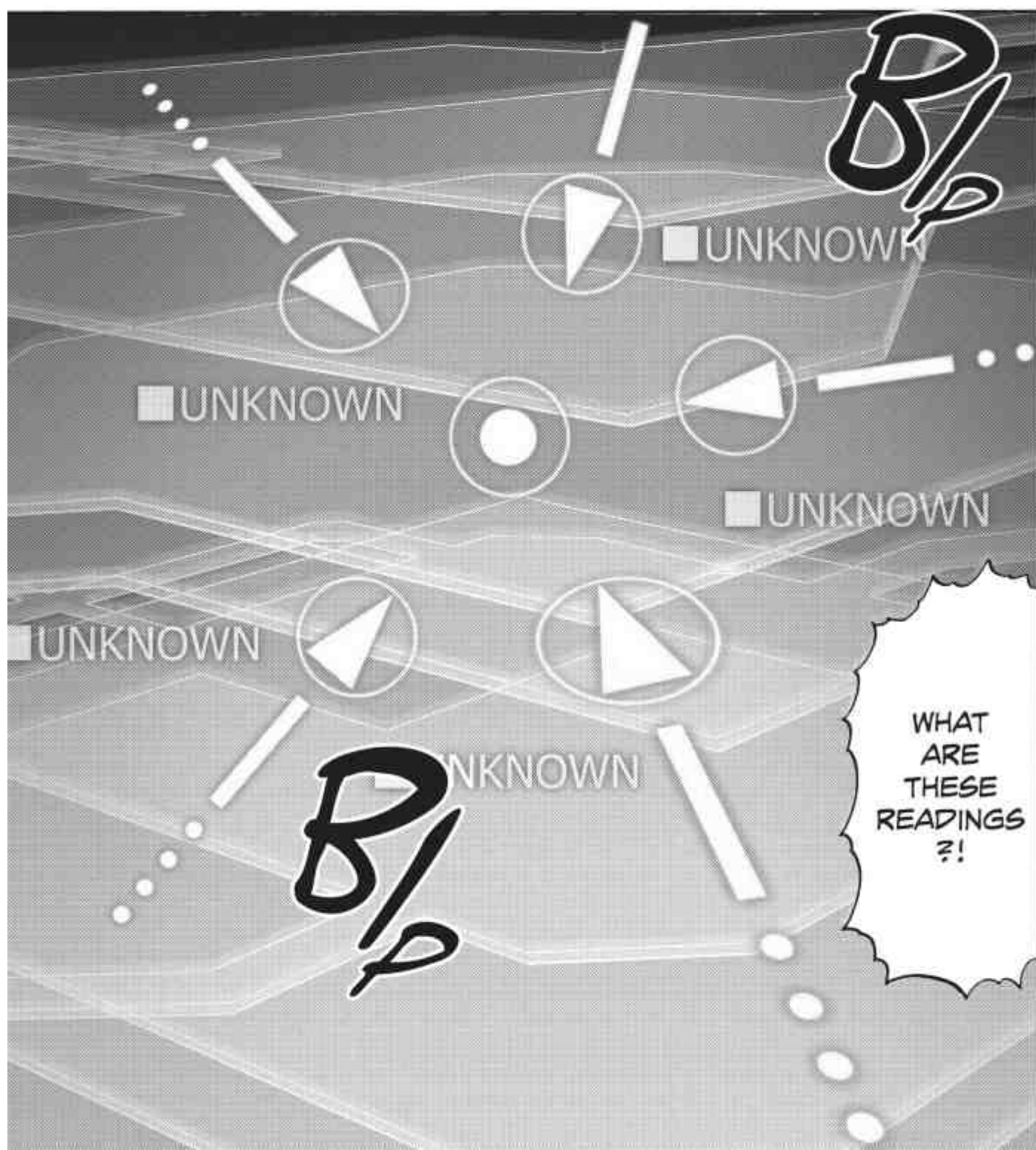
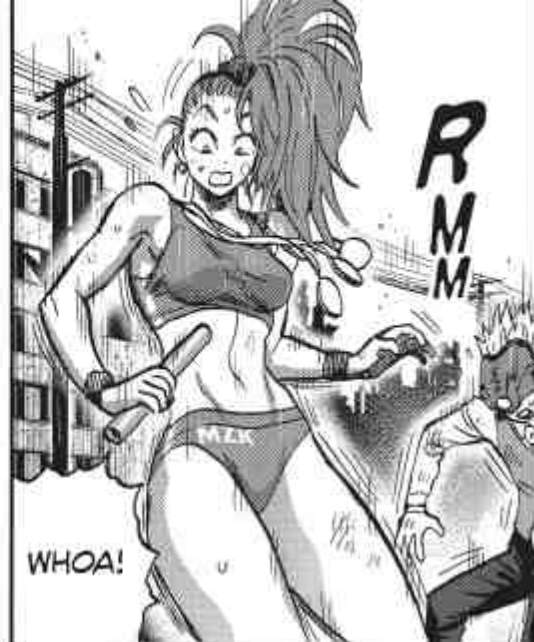
...I AM
NOW...

...
NUMBER
ONE!!!
HA
HA
HA!

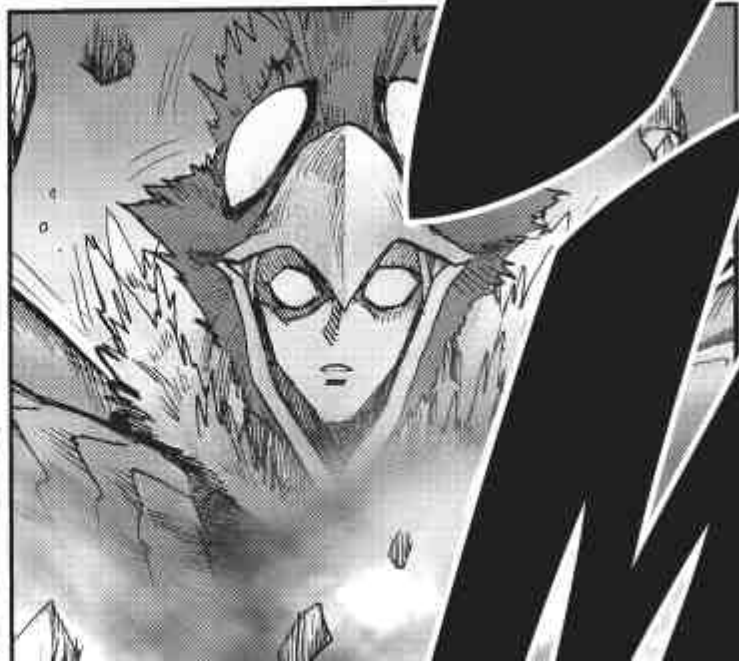




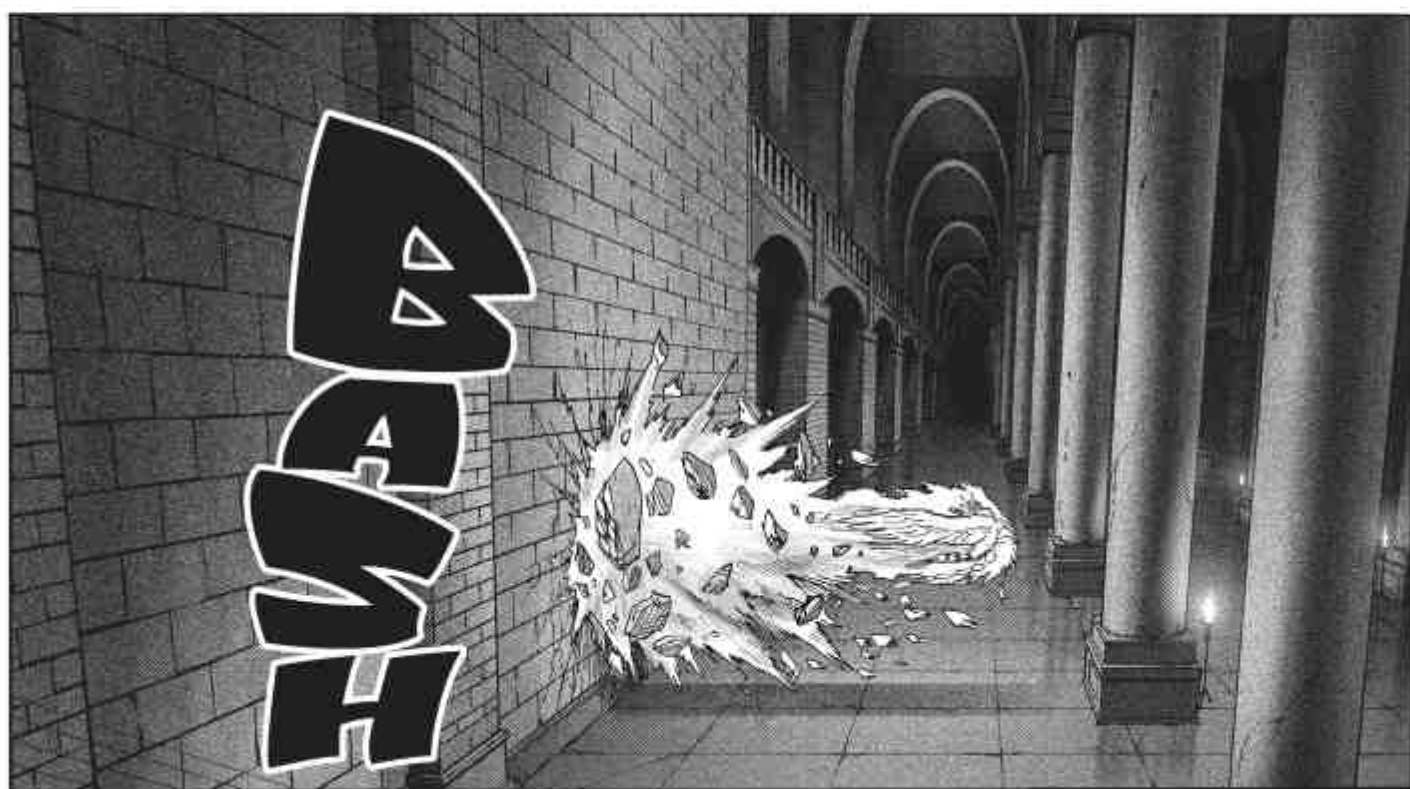
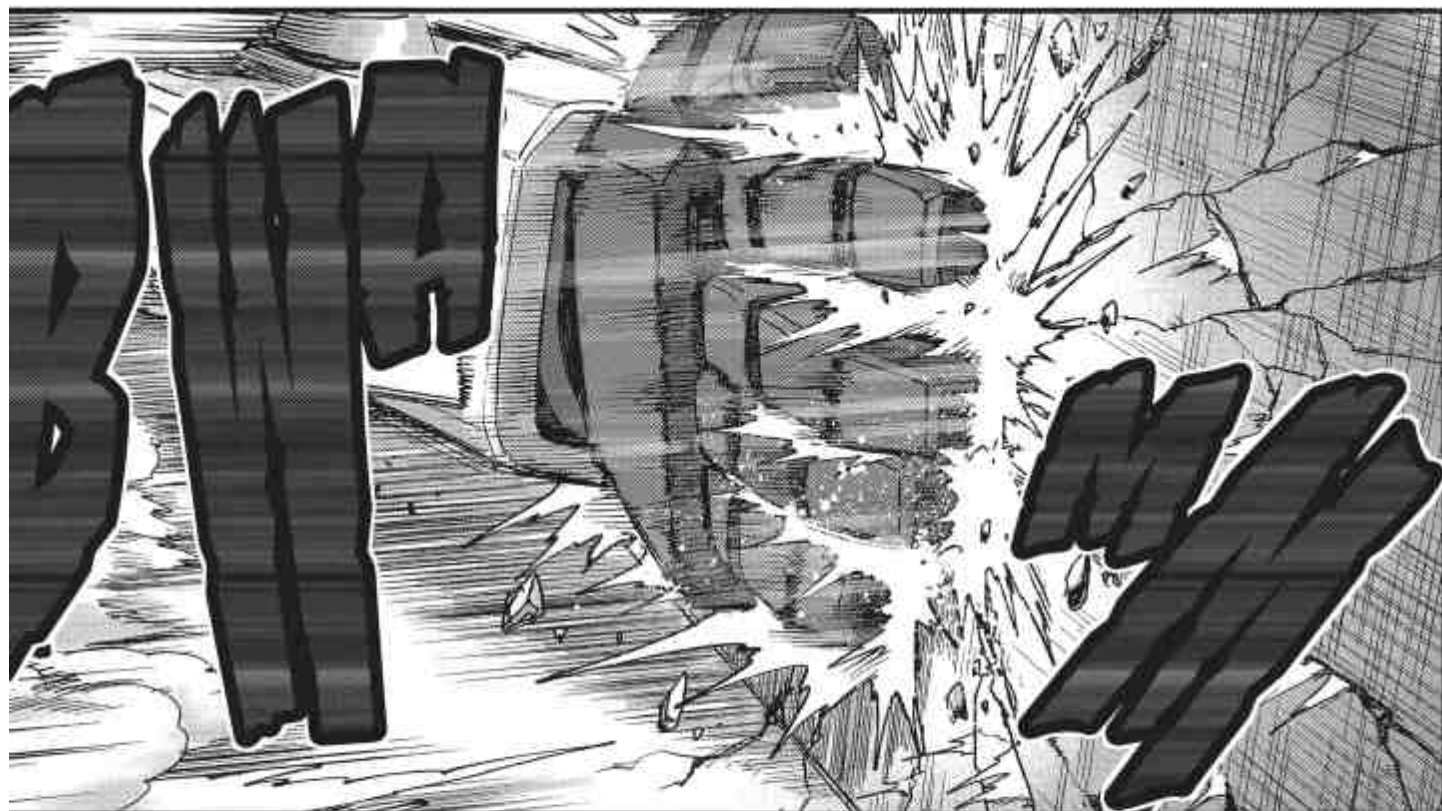




















...I
PLANTED
PARTS
UNDER-
GROUND
AROUND
THE
HIDEOUT.

JUST
TO BE
SAFE...



PAT
PAT

...THEN
YOU COULD
HAVE
ESCAPED
WITH THE
BRAT
SOONER.

YES...



...

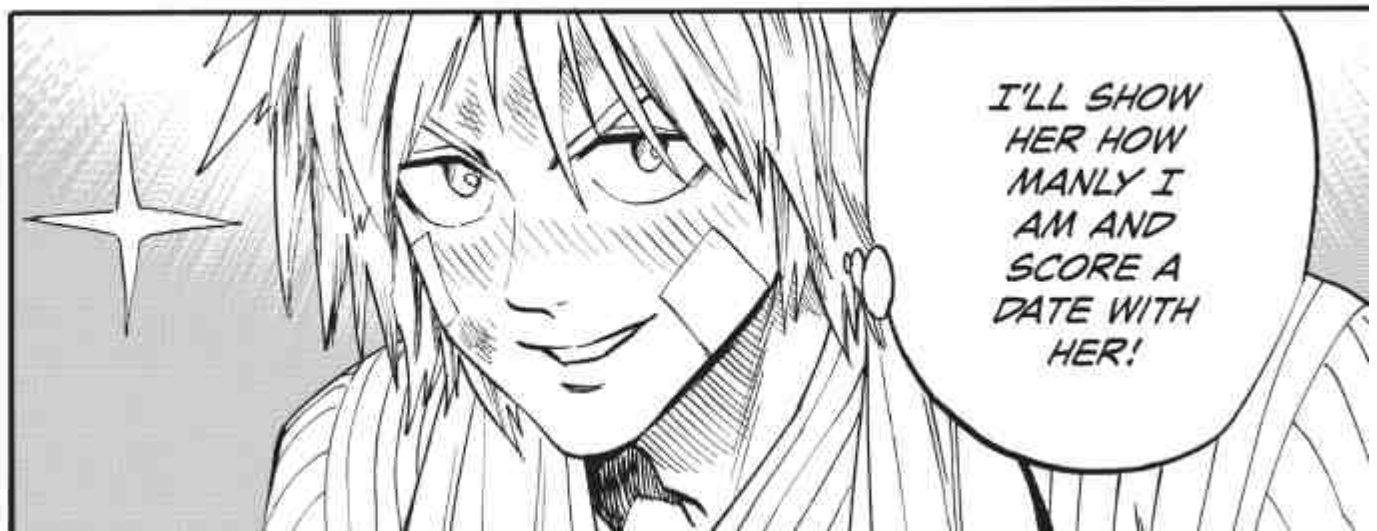
Class S
Child Emperor



YOU
SHOULDA
USED
THAT
FROM THE
START!

WHAT
THE?!









BUT I
CAN'T
JUST LIE
AROUND!

THE
HEROES
ARE
FIGHTING
THE
MONSTER
ASSOCIA-
TION!









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